BETTER TOGETHER?

- Meaghan Benfeito of Montreal and Roseline Filion of Laval, Que., won a synchronized diving bronze medal in London. Now they'll go at it alone as the 10-metre platform competition gets underway at 2 p.m. on OLN
- All-American girls: No matter what, the women's beach volleyball gold medal will go to the U.S. Find out what else you can't miss today PAGE 32

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MIGHT AS WELL JUMP

At left, Derek Drouin of Corunna, Ont., leaps to a bronze medal for Canada in the men's high-jump final at the Olympic Stadium in London on Tuesday. At right, Jessica Zelinka of London, Ont., competes in one of the fastest women's 100-metre hurdles finals of all time. She came within 0.20 seconds of the podium. More Olympic coverage, pages 32, 34 & 35. BOTH PHOTOS: SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Coalition wants to halt diesel train plans

Concerns. Residents along air-rail link claim Pan Am deadline took priority over health

Toronto's Clean Train Coalition is taking Metrolinx to court to prevent it from running diesel trains on its new Union Station-to-Pearson rail link.

It's the latest salvo from the coalition, a group of residents living along the Georgetown GO line who have been fighting the diesel expansion on that stretch of track for more than three years.

Its application with the Ontario Superior Court of Justice says Metrolinx's decision to open the air-rail link using diesel trains was based on the province's Pan American Games deadline in 2015, rather than Metrolinx's legislated mandate to consider the long-term needs of the Toronto region.

Metrolinx has already agreed to pay $53 million for trains from Sumitomo Corp. in the U.S. to furnish the airport train service. The trains, called diesel-electric multiple units, incorporate the engines into the coaches, unlike a GO train, where a locomotive pulls the coaches.

The Clean Train Coalition court application claims that purchase was made without a proper comparison of the environmental and service impacts. It also alleges that Metrolinx underplayed the negative health impacts of diesel emissions along the corridor — where 300,000 residents live within 450 metres of the track.

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"The vehicles we're purchasing for the (air-rail link) are fully convertible to electric."

Metrolinx spokeswoman Vanessa Thomas. But the company would not comment directly on the court application

Mystery comes with anxiety

Dîner en Blanc organizers are facing a lot of questions from Torontonians who signed up for the 'secret' dinner PAGE 3

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Assault

Police probe video of man urinating on another

A video of a man appearing to urinate on the face of another man sleeping on the sidewalk outside the Eaton Centre has become the subject of a police investigation.

The video, posted Monday on the website World Star Hip Hop, received more than 100,000 views on its first day. It's unclear when it was recorded.

In the 27-second video, bystanders can be heard laughing in the background. The man on the ground does not wake up and nobody intervenes.

Toronto Police have opened an investigation.

"Obviously when someone is urinating on someone, that's an assault," police spokesman Const. Tony Vella said.

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Cyclist's death

City should inform cyclists of streetcar track risks: Advocates

The city needs to offer more safety education to cyclists after a fatal crash involving streetcar tracks, an advocacy group says.

On Monday, a man in his 40s died after his bicycle tire jammed in unused streetcar tracks on Wychwood Avenue, causing him to fall and hit his head on the pavement. He wasn't wearing a helmet.

Jared Kolb of Cycle Toronto wants the city to study how often riders fall while biking over tracks and determine high-risk areas. He also suggested adding shared-lane markings and signs on track beds to inform cyclists about the risks. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Cat call: Animal Services offering adoption special

Nicola Ware, animal care and control officer with Toronto Animal Services, with one of the cats housed at the city's CNE shelter. In recognition of World Cat Day on Wednesday, Animal Services is offering two-for-one kitten and cat adoptions until Aug. 15. All kittens and cats are spayed or neutered, vaccinated, vet checked and microchipped. KEITH BEATY/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

The dinner is white, the tape is red

Dîner en Blanc. Rental tables and catered dinner available for people not keen to haul a cheese platter across town

Behind the mystery of Dîner en Blanc — the seemingly spontaneous evening picnic whereby 1,400 people dressed in white dine at a secret location — is a tour de force of organization and answering questions, dozens of questions, from detail-oriented dinner guests.

"Is a black belt on a white dress allowed?" "Every single rental place in Toronto is sold out of tables that meet the requirements. What are the other options?" "Can the wineglasses we bring be plastic?"

That sampling from the official website proves spontaneity is never as effortless as it appears.

The first Dîner en Blanc was in Paris, and 25 years later the event has spread around the world. After a dry run last year at the Distillery District, this year marks Toronto's first official Dîner en Blanc, and the cost is $25 for a walk-in ticket. The guest list is already full for this year, and there are 3,200 people on the waiting list. The venue? That's anyone's guess.

On Thursday, 18 coaches and three walking groups will converge on a location so secret that "even people who hop on the bus won't know where they're going until, literally, they arrive," organizer Jessica Tan said. "So no one can text their friends and tell them where they're going."

"Some people may refer to us as flash mob," she added, "but we're not. You can't orchestrate the movement of this many people without having planning."

As for the long list of questions from diners, there are answers: When it comes to wardrobe, the whiter, the better, but organizers won't be unreasonable about a pair of nude shoes. If you didn't get a table, try to borrow one. When it comes to plastic glasses, they are fine as long as "they are elegant and non-disposable."

Bon appétit!

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Care to guess where?

- **Trinity Bellwoods:** The Queen West park has a capacity of 5,000 and is known for picnics.
- **Casa Loma:** A popular venue for bar mitzvahs, proms and weddings.
- **Evergreen Brick Works:** Holds 1,400 and has foodie cred, with a farmers' market, cooking classes and dinners.
- **Toronto Island:** Loads of natural beauty and space.
- **University of Toronto:** Beautiful spaces among the ivy and brick.

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Gambling. OLG tries softer approach in bid to build lakefront casino

Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corp. appears to be softening its hard-sell pitch for a Toronto lakefront casino.

"There's been a great deal of interest in the potential for a GTA facility and specifically a great deal of interest in Toronto as one of the options in the GTA," OLG chief executive Rod Phillips said in an interview.

"There's a very significant opportunity for the city of Toronto but, at the end of the day, city council will decide if it's positive from a jobs and tourism perspective and if, from a revenue perspective, it makes sense for the city."

That's a marked departure from March, when a plan was announced to expand privately built and operated gambling in as many as 29 "gaming zones" to boost annual provincial revenues by $1.3 billion. OLG said then it will build one new casino in the GTA.

Quoted

"We're making good progress. We're about where we expected to be. We're moving into the process of dealing with potential operators and specific locations."

OLG chief executive Rod Phillips

Knowing Toronto's core is the most fertile ground for new profits, Ontario Finance Minister Dwight Duncan touted a "golden mile" of high-end shops and entertainment on Toronto's lakefront, while OLG chair Paul Godfrey envisioned an "iconic" casino-resort near the water. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Dragons breathe fire into ACC

Project Runway judge and host Heidi Klum poses with Nadder backstage at DreamWorks' How to Train Your Dragon Live Spectacular at the Nassau Coliseum on Aug. 4 in Uniondale, N.Y. How to Train Your Dragon opens in Toronto at the Air Canada Centre Wednesday and runs until Aug. 12. The massive production uses 23 animatronic dragons, a travelling crew and cast that numbers 85, and more than 30 18-wheelers that truck 10,000 cases of gear from city to city. KEVIN KANE/GETTY IMAGES

Michael Schmidt

Farm raided after rare sheep vanish

The outspoken Durham farmer waging a battle for the right to give out unpasteurized milk is at the centre of another legal storm, this time over a flock of rare sheep that disappeared.

Michael Schmidt says the Canadian Food Inspection Agency and police conducted a raid of his farm last Thursday, during which they seized cellphones and computers.

The raid was in connection with 31 sheep the inspection agency says were taken from a quarantined farm in eastern Ontario on April 2.

Two cases of scrapie, a fatal neurological disease of sheep and goats, had been detected among the animals. The inspection agency said it decided to destroy the flock in large part because the spread of the disease could put the livestock industry at risk.

That's when the animals suddenly disappeared.

Schmidt, Linda Jones, Robert Pinnell, and Miro Malish are named on a search warrant alleging that under the Health of Animals Act the four obstructed an inspector and caused a quarantined animal to be removed.

No charges have been laid. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Trash pickup goes private

Coun. Denzil Minnan-Wong, chair of the public works and infrastructure committee, poses with one of the GFL trucks that began collecting household garbage west of Yonge Street and east of Etobicoke on Tuesday morning, taking over from city workers. The company was awarded the job in October. Its seven-year contract is expected to save the city $11 million per year. RENE JOHNSTON/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Lethal currents may have killed brothers at beach

Scarborough. Rip currents are created wherever there is a long beach, a sandbar and a rock wall

Underwater currents at Toronto beaches capable of pulling swimmers 200 metres offshore may have contributed to the death of two Toronto men over the long weekend.

The brothers, aged 17 and 22, died Sunday after an overnight camping trip on a Scarborough beach. One man's body was found face-down on the beach, another pulled from the lake.

Police originally said undertow may have been a factor, but a waterfront expert from the police marine unit was quick to refute those claims.

"Undertow doesn't exist. It's a misnomer," said Bruce Hollowell from the Toronto police marine unit.

The real culprit, according to Hollowell, is rip currents — a dangerous underwater phenomenon that exists near Toronto's man-made rock walls.

Much stronger than undertow, rip currents can drag a swimmer into open water for 250 metres.

When waves hit a Toronto beach, the kickback of water has to go somewhere. However, high sandbars trap the water. This creates a current that flows parallel to the shore.

This current travels to the end of the beach, hits a man-made rock wall and sends the fast-flowing water — or rip current — shooting back into the lake.

"It takes you out, not under," Hollowell said, insisting that swimmers trapped in rip currents should do one thing: Wait.

"The more you fight the current, the harder it is. The water is going to win."

Most swimmers who die from rip currents tire themselves out by swimming against the force. Instead, Hollowell says, they should swim parallel to the beach to avoid being dragged out farther. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

The more you know

- Invisible to the untrained eye, rip currents actually make waves appear less choppy. The calmer the waves, the stronger the current.
- From a helicopter, a strong rip current looks like a river flowing back into the lake.

City hall. Councillor eyes more contracting out of services

Toronto's newly chosen chief corporate officer doesn't start work until Sept. 4, but Coun. Doug Ford already has an assignment for her: Look at more contracting out.

When Josie Scioli settles into the job, which includes taking care of city facilities, Ford said he'll want to talk about opportunities to move more building cleaning to outside companies rather than have higher-paid city staff do the work.

"What we'll do is we'll let her get her feet wet first and then we'll sit down and see where there are some cost savings," Ford said.

"It's not just cost savings, but can we increase service and lower the cost of delivering the service to the taxpayers of Toronto?" TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Opposition

- Good Jobs for All, a group fighting to protect city cleaners' jobs, said good-paying employment is critical in a high-cost city like Toronto.
- "When you're talking about healthy, livable, safe communities, people have to have decent jobs and not have to work two or three jobs," said Preethy Sivakumar, a spokesperson for Good Jobs for All.

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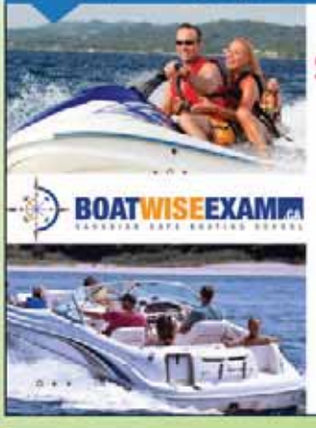

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Arrests put paragliding in spotlight

Terror from the sky?
Suspects allegedly took lessons, planned to launch aerial attacks

The history of terror plots is filled with unusual schemes, from an underwear bomber to model planes filled with explosives — showing how would-be attackers are constantly hatching ideas to catch authorities by surprise. Now questions are being raised about whether two Russians held on terror charges in Spain were planning to launch airborne attacks on paragliders.

The two Russians took paragliding lessons this year in a southern Spanish region renowned for the sport, authorities said over the weekend. A Turkish engineer also under arrest paid for the lessons.

Spain's Interior Ministry declined comment on whether investigators believe Eldar Magomedov and Mohamed Ankari Adamov were using the paragliding lessons to train for an attack. But analysts said the allegation in court paperwork that they took the lessons is almost certainly a key line of investigation.

"It would be surprising if it is not significant in the investigation given the fact that it is mentioned, and secondly because both of them are doing it," said Magnus Ranstorp, a terror expert at the Swedish National Defence College.

No attacks have been carried out using paragliders, experts said. The chances of success of such a plot would be severely limited by the difficulty handling the gliders over cities, terror and paragliding experts said.

But paragliding was still banned in and around New Delhi during the 2010 Commonwealth Games "to provide security against any sort of terror attacks," said police spokesman Rajan Bhagat.

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"Terrorism is a full-time occupation. You don't pursue hobbies on the side."

Magnus Ranstorp, a terror expert at the Swedish National Defence College

Paragliding in Europe

There are no criminal background checks for would-be paragliders.

- Students only have to be physically fit and able to speak the language of the country where the courses are taught.
- Europe has at least 100,000 licensed paragliders.

South Africa wakes up to a winter wonderland

People react as a rare snowfall hits Johannesburg, South Africa, Tuesday. Temperatures dropped to below freezing Tuesday morning as snow flurries blew through the South African commercial hub, dusting the city in white as residents poured into the streets to watch the snowflakes fall. The South African Weather Service has warned that extreme cold will blanket much of the nation over the next few days, which remains in winter.

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Congo. Oxfam says hundreds killed, raped

With Congo's army diverted to fighting a new rebel group, new militia groups have arisen and older ones are reasserting themselves, killing hundreds of civilians, the British charity Oxfam said Tuesday.

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton called the violence "a serious threat to regional security and stability."

Responding to the escalating crisis in the mineral-rich area, regional leaders met in Uganda on Tuesday where they may seek a change in the mandate of the UN peacekeeping mission. The option is one of three under consideration as presidents forming the 11-nation International Conference on the Great Lakes Region pursue a solution to the crisis.

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Israel. Blurry glasses keep women out of sight

It's the latest prescription for extreme ultra-Orthodox Jewish men who shun contact with the opposite sex: Glasses that blur their vision, so they don't have to see women they consider to be immodestly dressed.

Their interpretation of Jewish law forbids contact between men and women who are not married. Now they're being kept out of sight altogether.

The ultra-Orthodox community's unofficial "modesty patrols" are selling glasses with special blur-inducing stickers on their lenses. The glasses provide clear vision for up to a few metres so as not to impede movement, but anything beyond that gets blurry — including women. It's not known how many have been sold.

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Dad gets six years in daughter's death

Father sentenced in baby's death. Child had 27 rib fractures and suffered injuries to every long bone in her body, Crown says

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Metro in Halifax

Ashiqur Rahman is seen through a door at Nova Scotia Supreme Court last year. METRO FILE PHOTO

Shortly before his sentence was read, Ashiqur Rahman maintained his innocence in the death of his seven-week-old daughter.

"I have been and will always be sorry for failing to save my daughter," he told a Halifax court.

He was found guilty of manslaughter and aggravated assault in June for slapping, shaking and tossing the baby.

On Tuesday at the Nova Scotia Supreme Court, Judge Felix Cacchione sentenced Rahman to six years and six months for the manslaughter of Aurora Breakthrough in July 2009.

Rahman was given double credit for the time he spent in pretrial custody, which equals two years and three months.

The Crown was looking for at least 10 years, arguing at least five separate incidents of assault meant a pattern of aggression.

But Cacchione said he believed each outburst was a spontaneous loss of control.

Cacchione said Rahman, who was 23 at the time of his daughter's death, was immature, selfish and was driven by a desire to become a successful businessman — which clouded his ability to be compassionate and caring.

"He's an intelligent and capable young man and will be punished for what he did," Cacchione said.

At trial Rahman said an undiagnosed birth defect caused her death, but Crown attorney Denise Smith said outside court the baby suffered several internal injuries including 27 rib fractures, extensive brain damage, and injuries to every long bone in her body.

No appeal

Although it's not the sentence she recommended, Crown attorney Denise Smith said it's in the range given out in similar cases and she does not intend to file an appeal.

Mexico murder. Canuck was second ex-pat to die in that same apartment

Authorities are releasing more details about the horrific death of yet another Canadian while on vacation in Mexico.

The latest victim — identified as Duane Joseph Lang, 46, of Regina — was stabbed 23 times in an apartment in Puerto Vallarta, police said Tuesday.

And they said another ex-pat was found dead in the same apartment a few years ago.

"A few years ago the landlord went through a similar experience with another tenant," said Puerto Vallarta police spokesperson Adan Leyva.

An autopsy determined that Lang had been dead for 48-72 hours, said Andres Zuniga, a spokesperson at the Jalisco Forensic Science Institute.

The landlord "found blood spattered everywhere, things all over the place, a knife, and … called the police," said Leyva. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Dark Knight drama

Batman patron had gun, knives

An Ohio man brought a gun, ammunition and several knives to a showing of the latest Batman movie because he wanted to protect himself in case someone tried to replicate last month's deadly Colorado theatre shooting, his lawyer said Tuesday.

Scott A. Smith, 37, had no intention of causing harm when he brought the weapons to a Westlake, Ohio, showing of The Dark Knight Rises, said attorney Matthew Bruce.

"He felt that he needed protection," Bruce said.

Bruce was referring to the deadly July 20 shooting in Aurora, Colo., where a 24-year-old man is accused of killing 12 people and wounding 58 at a midnight showing of the movie.

Smith was arrested without incident and is currently jailed.

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People move around roofs as floodwaters rise in suburban Quezon City, north of Manila, on Tuesday after relentless rains submerged half of the sprawling Philippine capital. MIKE ALQUINTO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rain traps Manila residents on roofs

Seasonal monsoon. Worst deluge since 2009 causes dams and rivers to overflow

Relentless rains submerged half of the sprawling Philippine capital, triggered a landslide that killed nine people and sent emergency crews scrambling Tuesday to rescue tens of thousands of residents who called media outlets pleading for help.

Benito Ramos, head of the government's disaster-response agency, said the rains flooded 50 per cent of metropolitan Manila on Monday, and about 30 per cent remained under waist- or neck-deep waters Tuesday.

In Manila suburb Quezon City, a landslide hit a row of shanties perched below a hill, burying nine people.

TV footage showed rescuers dangling on ropes to bring children and other residents to safety. "We can't get out because the floodwaters are now higher than people," Josephine Cruz told DZMM radio as water rose around her house in Quezon City.

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War's brutal destruction is framed by a broken wall on the outskirts of Aleppo. KHALIL HAMRA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Flee or die: Grim choice for Syrians

Refugees. Intense regime bombardment of Syrian border town doubles daily number of people seeking safety in Turkey

The relentless exodus from Syria intensified Tuesday as withering gunfire sent scores of people spilling into Turkey.

More than 1,300 Syrians fled to Turkey overnight to escape the civil war.

Meanwhile, rebels defiant as ever tried to expand their hold inside Syria's largest city, Aleppo.

"They have Satan on their side, we have God on ours," one rebel shouted.

President Bashar Assad met in Damascus with an envoy from key ally Iran and was seen on TV for the first time in three weeks. He was quoted as vowing to fight on.

Aleppo-based activists said clashes were going on Tuesday near the historic city centre. That suggests the rebels were making some inroads in Aleppo, which lies some 40 kilometres from the Turkish border.

A Turkish government official said 1,328 Syrian refugees had crossed the border by midmorning — nearly double the number of refugees who reached Turkey on Monday.

Close to 48,000 Syrians have now found refuge in Turkey, which has served as a staging ground for the rebels. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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"We are expecting a massacre in Aleppo. The regime is bringing reinforcements because they believe if Aleppo falls the regime will fall."

Abu Ahmad,
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Fewer fly Air Canada in July, WestJet comes out on top

Air traffic. Losses expected to continue for Canada's largest airline when it reports third-quarter results

Air Canada saw a greater percentage of empty seats on its flights last month compared with a year ago as traffic on Canada's largest airline slipped more than it cut capacity.

The Montreal-based company reported Tuesday that its system load factor for July was 85.9 per cent, down from 86.4 per cent a year ago.

In contrast, Calgary-based rival WestJet Airlines posted a record load factor in July, with improvements in all key performance measures compared with July 2011. Air Canada's lower load factor came as traffic fell 1.1 per cent and capacity was cut 0.5 per cent compared with a year ago.

Still, the result was "close to last year's record load factor for the same month and underscores our continued disciplined approach to managing capacity," Air Canada president and chief executive Calin Rovinescu said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Air Canada workers talk at Toronto's Pearson International Airport on Thursday. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Apple

iPhones, iPads to ditch YouTube app

Apple says the next version of its software for the iPhone and iPad won't come with a pre-installed YouTube application. Users will be able to play YouTube videos in the Web browser, says Apple spokeswoman Trudy Muller. YouTube-owner Google is also working on a downloadable app, she says.

Muller says Apple Inc.'s license to include the YouTube app has expired, but did not explain why it hasn't been extended. Google says it's working with Apple to ensure a quality YouTube experience. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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OPPRESSION IN BELARUS MAKES FOR A GOOD CHILD'S FABLE

JUST SAYIN'
Paul Sullivan
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I had this great idea for a children's book:

The Dark Lord rules over a country far away. He is very powerful and prevents anyone from speaking out against his government, even though the economy is a mess and the living standard is low. A group called Reporters Without Borders ranks this sad country 154th out of 178 countries in its Press Freedom Index.

One day, good blond people from a magic land hear about the human rights abuses of the Dark Lord, including the death of a human rights activist, and decide to take action. They fly a small plane into the Dark Lord's domain and parachute 1,000 teddy bears calling for free speech, and then escape untouched.

When the Dark Lord finds out, he gets very angry and fires his generals who did nothing, despite boasting of a sophisticated defence system fuelled by treasure that should go to hungry children. But the damage is done. Everyone is laughing at the Dark Lord, who can't even stop an invasion of teddy bears. His mojo is toast.

After I penned a story

Imagine my distress when I find out that my story, which is going to allow me to replace J.K. Rowling at the top of the list of Fabulously Wealthy Children's Authors, really happened!

Imagine my distress when I find out that my story, which is going to allow me to replace J.K. Rowling at the top of the list of Fabulously Wealthy Children's Authors, really happened! And it's still happening.

The Dark Lord, also known as Alexander Lukashenko, the President of Belarus, has expelled the ambassador of the good people, who are in reality employees of a Swedish ad agency who thought the Teddy Bear Invasion would be a good way to get Belarusian oppression of human rights on the news agenda.

It worked. It doesn't hurt that Teddy Bear Terrorists Tomas Mazetti and Hannah Frey look like Swedish movie stars and the teddies are pretty darn cute too, with their little parachutes and placards.

Of course, because this is real life and not a child's fable, everyone is definitely not living happily ever after. Lukashenko is arresting anyone who dares to smile, and, meanwhile, the jails are full of human rights activists and former presidential candidates.

Still, you have to admire the Swedish protest and its simple, child-like charm. In a country where protesters have been arrested just for clapping or ringing their cellphones in unison, you need to be creative to tell a modern story of brutal, systematic oppression.

I know I'm inspired — I'm just about finished the New Adventures of Delta Force Teddy — in which the bears fly to North Korea to infiltrate Kim Jong-un's bedroom to discover the identity of the mystery lady who suddenly turned up at his side.

Stay tuned.

A turtle is born ... from plastic

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Up-cycled art

Brilliant sculpture made from trash

This enchanting turtle floating in deep azure blue sea is truly unreal — in fact the creature is made entirely from discarded and reclaimed household objects.

Artist Sayaka Ganz's stunning sculptures — which also include a whale, fish, dog and an albatross — measure from half a metre to two and a half metres.

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A knack for recycling

- **Plastic passion.** Ganz sorts everything plastic — from sunglasses and cutlery to baskets and cooking utensils — into 20 colour groups in her basement. "I have been collecting plastic objects for four years now, and I have about 20 bins of colour-sorted plastics," she said. Some of her items are found in garbage cans, some in charity shops and the rest are donated by friends and relatives.
- **Japanese philosophy at heart.** Despite now working in Fort Wayne, Ind., Ganz keeps the traditions from her childhood homeland close to her art: "Japanese Shinto beliefs are such that all objects and organisms have spirits, and I was taught in kindergarten that objects that are discarded before their time weep at night inside the trash bin." She added: "My goal is for each object to transcend its origin by being integrated into an animal/organic forms that are alive and in motion."

Artist Sayaka Ganz, 35, hails from Yokohama, Japan.
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Tomas Mazetti and Hannah Frey show a teddy bear on a parachute as they pose for a photo in Berlin recently. The slogan on the paper fixed to the bear reads: "We support the Belarusian struggle for free speech."
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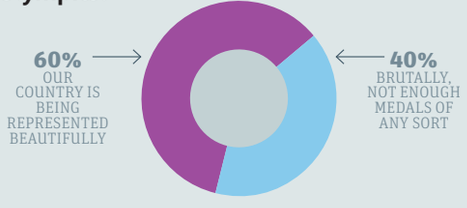

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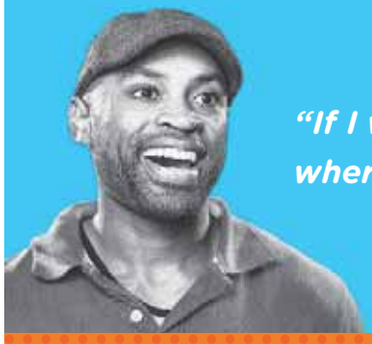

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SCENE 2

Jeremy Renner takes over leading man role in the latest Bourne flick. HANDOUT

The Jason Bourne facsimile

Damon relinquishes role. Renner picks up the lead in secret-agent thriller but it's not the first time Bourne has seen changes

IN FOCUS
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Writer Robert Ludlum died a year before Jason Bourne, his most famous character, was brought to life on the big screen by Matt Damon.

He didn't get to enjoy Damon's take on the action hero, but he did see another version of The Bourne Identity and the famous superspy.

The writer reportedly enjoyed the 1988 300-minute, two-part made-for-television movie of The Bourne Identity starring mini-series king Richard Chamberlain in the role Damon later made famous.

Despite a cheeseball love scene between Chamberlain and co-star Jaclyn Smith the TV special (now available on DVD) was a faithful adaptation of the first Bourne novel and even earned its lead actor a Golden Globe nomination.

These days Ludlum would be hard pressed to recognize his character, however.

He wrote the first three Bourne books but after his death the series was kept alive by writer Eric Van Lustbader, who has made slight, but noticeable changes to the character over the course of seven subsequent novels.

Quote

"Damon didn't want to return to the franchise but the studio still wanted another Bourne movie."

Moviegoers may also find themselves a tad confused this weekend when Jeremy Renner takes over the lead from Damon in The Bourne Legacy. Renner, who beat out Jake Gyllenhaal, Michael Fassbender, Taylor Kitsch and Josh Hartnett for the gig, isn't playing Jason Bourne, but a reasonable facsimile — a trained assassin brainwashed into taking part in covert government activities.

In Hollywood they call that expanding "the franchise mythology."

In other words, Damon didn't want to return to the franchise but the studio still wanted another Bourne movie.

Ludlum's books — he wrote 23 thrillers with sales estimated between 290 to 500 million — have also provided the basis for several movies without the name Bourne in the title.

The Osterman Weekend is a confusing movie about a television journalist who becomes convinced his friends are a threat to national security. Ludlum apparently offered to rewrite the perplexing script at no charge, but was rejected by the movie's producers.

The result is an entertaining mess the New York Times said, "has a kind of hallucinatory craziness to it."

More troubles

The Holcroft Covenant was another troubled production.

- **Unhappy.** Star James Caan walked out the day before filming was to begin, unhappy with the script. His replacement, Michael Caine, carries the espionage story, but the action scenes are more entertaining than the spy story.
- **Another movie.** In development is the Chancellor Manuscript, Ludlum's story about J. Edgar Hoover's alleged "secret files." Leonardo DiCaprio is rumored to be in talks to star.

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Madonna hopes for release of Russian rockers facing trial over punk prayer against Putin

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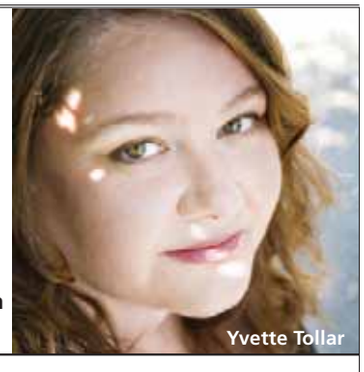
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Celebrating the unconventional

ParaNorman. Off the wall children's film embracing some unorthodox approaches to making animated movies

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Computer wizardry takes a back seat in the upcoming children's flick, ParaNorman.

Instead of dazzling computer-generated images, if you look really closely, you might notice that the globules of spit flying from one of the movie's many zombies are actually little balls of dried glue mounted on a wire.

And you surely won't be able to detect that Norman's chubby friend's belly is lifted up and down with an Allen key to make it appear to jiggle as he runs, through stop-motion technology. Yes, the makers of this high-budget film are making use of the same tool as Ikea shoppers worldwide.

"We work in unorthodox ways," says producer Arianne Sutner.

The Portland-based Laika studio also made the 2009 children's film Coraline, which was nominated for an Academy Award in the animated feature category.

"We're working very hands-on, with over 300 artists working with very traditional tools — paint, and glue and hammers," she explains.

It's not that computers are absent. But they are used in service of the more tactile side of the production. The thousands of facial expressions that Norman and his fellow characters display are designed digitally. Instead of being rendered out for the film, though, they're printed using 3-D printers and attached to the puppets with magnets.

"The process of printing has an imperfection to it. And once real light hits that, it becomes something else entirely," says writer and co-director Chris Butler.

"You still can't beat just natural photography," Sam Fell, the movie's other co-director, agrees.

Norman has approximately 32,000 faces that fit onto his 28 bodies.

Animators then meticulously position the puppets on sets to take a picture of every single frame in the movie — 24 for every second of film. It's not unusual for them to spend an entire day shooting less than a second's worth of footage.

The movie's about a boy who's different. He sees zombies and ghosts, and he's the target of schoolyard bullies as a result. It's a comedy and a horror-film satire, and celebrates the unconventional.

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Arnold Schwarzenegger talks steroids, military, sexy posters

New documentary. ESPN analyse the Terminator's rise and fall and what made him who he is today

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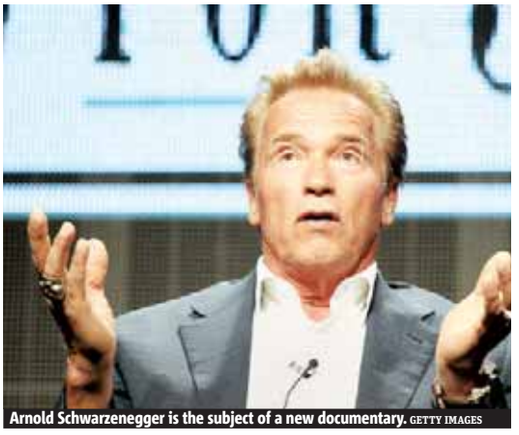
Take away Terminator. Strip away his governorship. The successes of Arnold Schwarzenegger all boils down to his stint in the Austrian army as a teen, when he won a Mr. Europe bodybuilding championship.

At least, that's the premise of Arnold's Blueprint, the first film in ESPN's new documentary series, 30 for 30 Shorts, premiering Sept. 26. Director Michael Zimbalist (The Two Escobars) focuses on Schwarzenegger's enlistment, the military's initial resistance to his sport, and his rise to Mr. Universe. The lesson: If you have a dream, ignore the naysayers.

"I had never saw a 'no' as a 'no,'" Schwarzenegger told reporters at the Television Critics Association press tour in Beverly Hills, Calif., on Friday. "I always heard 'yes.' And every time someone said it was impossible, I always hear 'It's possible.' So I didn't care what anyone said. To me, it always was positive and it's possible."

From his mother questioning his sexuality to his frank admission of steroid use, Schwarzenegger shared details from that period of his life with critics.

"My mother was always worried because she saw the pictures on my bedroom wall of naked men oiled up, and so she called the house doctor and said, 'Is there something wrong?'" he said.



Arnold Schwarzenegger is the subject of a new documentary. GETTY IMAGES

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Arnold Schwarzenegger
Talking about his love of bodybuilding.

But it was his battle with the military that was the most baffling.

"The whole concept was so new that it took a lot of effort for me to be heard and for them to pay attention and to say, 'OK. Let's get him weights into the base.'"

It wouldn't be the only battle in his life.

"I took steroids. At that point, it was more experimental when I was competing, and then there, of course, there was more and more knowledge, and more research was done. But I think that every sport is trying everything that they can, including bodybuilding ... to get rid of the drugs."

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Tarragon's spice is just as nice

Threatre. With the August long weekend sadly past, it's time to pay some attention to the upcoming fall season

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R.H. Thomson, left, and David Fox. JOY VON TIEDEMANN

For its 2012-2013 season Toronto's renowned Tarragon Theatre is featuring a slate of all Canadian works reflecting the theme of connectivity. While the 11 featured plays take place in varied locations, ranging from 19th Century Vienna to rural Ontario and Afghanistan, each celebrates the singularity of the human experience.

The Tarragon season kicks off with a revival of No Great Mischief, a play by David S. Young and adapted from an Alistair MacLeod novel. Perhaps made more poignant by its location — set both in Kensington Market, Newfoundland and Elliot Lake, No Great Mischief tells the story of two brothers who attempt familial reconciliation.

Later on in the year and spilling into the winter the Tarragon will feature an exciting mini-festival celebrating the work of this year's Playright in Residence: Hannah Moscovitch. Moscovitch, who wrote the acclaimed Holocaust play: East of Berlin, is considered one of the most prolific young writer's in Canada.

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Brand still fighting the addiction disease

Despite 10 years of being clean and sober, Russell Brand still knows the pull of addiction. In a scene from his upcoming BBC documentary on the subject, Brand watches footage of his younger self doing drugs and is surprised by his reaction. "This is when you know it's a disease. It doesn't matter that I was in that flat in Hackney and now I'm in the Savoy. I'm jealous of me then," he says, according to

Russell Brand

the Daily Mail. "It doesn't make a difference to me. The money, the fame, the power, the sex, the women — none of it. I'd rather be a drug addict."

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Ryan Lochte

Olympic swimmer crushing on Lively

New U.S. Olympic swimming star Ryan Lochte knows what he likes when it comes to famous women.

When asked by CNN's Piers Morgan what famous woman he would choose to spend the rest of his life with, Lochte responded, "Uh, right now, Blake Lively. She is gorgeous."

And Lochte says he wouldn't let Lively's boyfriend, Ryan Reynolds, stand in his way if he were to meet her.

"I would be like, 'Hi.' I'd be like, 'You want to go to an island with me?'" he said.

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Posh Spice doesn't come cheap

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Forget the opening ceremony — the Spice Girls are reuniting for a performance at the Olympics' closing ceremony.

Unfortunately though, things don't always go smoothly when five washed-up pop stars try to squeeze back into their platform sneakers. It seems Victoria Beckham — or, as we never stopped calling her, Posh Spice — has some wardrobe requirements.

"They are paying at least $15,000 for Victoria Beckham's hair, makeup and stylist. In comparison, the other Spice Girls cost one-fourth of what Victoria is costing," a source tells Hollyscoop of the Olympic preparations.

"All of the diva stories about Victoria are true. This is p—ing off the other Spice Girls. They don't understand why she is getting special treatment."

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5 universities to stay in

1 Ryerson University

Staying at Ryerson is cheap compared to downtown Toronto hotels. PROVIDED BY RYERSON UNIVERSITY

Price: $54 for a single bed with shared bathroom
Average price for hotel: $159
The reason to stay here is location, location, location. Situated around the corner from Yonge-Dundas Square in downtown Toronto, you're mere steps from theatres, the Eaton Centre and transit that can take you to the CN Tower. Each floor of the residence has a common lounge, kitchen and shared laundry facilities.

2 Dalhousie University

Guests at Dalhousie also get access to Dalplex, the university's athletic facility. FLICKR: BRENT EADES

Price: $31 for students, $47 for adults
Average price for hotel: $179
Located in the centre of activity in downtown Halifax, guests are close to many attractions including museums, restaurants and shopping. You'll also get free Wi-Fi and access to Dalplex, the school's athletic facility.

3 University of Prince Edward Island

Price: $53 for a single room, $69 for a double
Average price for hotel: $179
Minutes from downtown Charlottetown, guests who stay in the residence are treated to free parking as well as bed linen and towel exchange. Want to take a dip in the ocean? The beach is a 20-minute drive away.

Just 20 minutes from the beach, the University of Prince Edward Island also has free parking. HANDOUT

4 Carleton University

Price: $72.32 per person, includes taxes and all-you-can-eat buffet breakfast
Average price for hotel: $118
The nation's capital is popular during the summer and staying at Carleton is a great option for the budget-wise. Halfway between the airport and downtown, the school is close to shopping, galleries and museums. Guests who stay here also have access to the school's athletic facilities (including an Olympic-sized pool) for a small fee.

Carleton University can be a low-cost option for travellers visiting Ottawa. FLICKR: ERFANO

5 University of Victoria

Price: $47.20 for a single bed
Average price for hotel: $199
This picturesque city is a must-see for all Canadians, but staying near the inner harbour is pricey. The school is located about 20 minutes from downtown, and the price is right. The best part about staying here? They also throw in breakfast. Apartment-style units with four bedrooms and two bathrooms are also available for $160 per night.

The University of Victoria offers a variety of options, and includes breakfast. FLICKR: ALEJANDRO ERICKSON

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There's more to historic Tampa than just those sandy beaches

Hosting Republican Convention. From Cuban sandwiches to Greek sponge divers, the area is rich in culture and diversity

The Cheetah Hunt roller-coaster is a popular ride at Tampa's Busch Gardens amusement park and zoo. ASSOCIATED PRESS PHOTO

In a twist of irony, many of the visitors to August's Republican National Convention will travel between their hotels and the downtown event on a busy road named to honour President John F. Kennedy, who was very much a Democrat.

Kennedy Boulevard, a gateway to downtown from the west, was so named in 1964 partially because of a special connection between Tampa and the 35th U.S. president. Kennedy had waved to massive crowds lining that road from an open-topped Lincoln Continental on Nov. 18, 1963. The next time he rode in that car, four days later in a motorcade through downtown Dallas, he would be shot to death.

A statue of JFK now stands at the present site of the University of Tampa, looking out over his eponymous thoroughfare.

The Tampa-JFK connection is just part of Florida's rich presidential history. It includes Andrew Jackson's role as Florida's first territorial governor in Pensacola, Harry S. Truman's "Little White House" in Key West — the winter quarters hosted a total of total of six presidents — and the famous compound kept by the Kennedy family at Palm Beach.

After Kennedy became president, a secret bunker was installed in an island off the coast in case of a nuclear attack.

There's more in Tampa, too. A stone's throw away from Kennedy's statue is a grand structure topped with curiously ornate minarets that was once called the Tampa Bay Hotel. Built by railroad magnate Henry Plant, it was there that Roosevelt and members of the First United States Volunteer Cavalry — better known as the Rough Riders — bivouacked in 1898, before shipping out for Cuba and the Spanish-American War. Today, the building houses a museum and is a centerpiece of the stately downtown University of Tampa campus.

In more modern history, as the Tampa Bay area grew up and Florida became a critical swing state, visits by sitting presidents have become relatively common, and Tampa has become a required campaign-trail stop for any candidate who hopes to win over the many swing voters here.

For visitors to the Aug. 27-30 convention, there is plenty more to take in.

Tampa's former Latin quarter, Ybor (EE-bor) City, adjacent to downtown, was for the first half of the last century the cigar manufacturing capital of the world, with more than 200 factories once lining the narrow

Quoted

"Every time they do a cut-away shot of the skyline of downtown Tampa or the Tampa Bay Times Forum, or show beauty shots of the beaches and the attractions, that's promoting the destination like we've never been able to promote it before."

Travis Claytor, spokesman for the area's tourism bureau.
Explaining how TV coverage of the convention will help sell Tampa as a destination.

Five places to see

Sunset Beach is one of the best in the Tampa area. ASSOCIATED PRESS PHOTO

1 JOSE MARTI PARK: While it's physically located in Tampa's historic Ybor City, this tiny park is really part of Cuba. Named after the revolutionary who helped oust the Spanish out of Cuba in 1900 who also spent time in Florida, the land was bought by a couple in the 1950s to honour the man himself. The couple gave the land to Cuba — but Fidel Castro took over the country a few years later. To this day, property records show that the owner of the 0.14-acre park is the "Cubano Estado," or "Cuban State."

2 TEDDY'S TAMPA: In 1898, before he was president, Col. Teddy Roosevelt once stayed in Tampa on his way to fight the Spanish-American War in Cuba. He and the First United States Volunteer Cavalry — also known as the Rough Riders — bivouacked and planned the invasion at the Tampa Bay Hotel, an ornate structure with silver minarets built by a railroad magnate. The building is now part of the campus of the University of Tampa.

3 MAFIA CEMETERY: Did you watch the movie Donnie Brasco? Remember how Donnie and Sonny Black met up with famed mobster Santo Trafficante Jr., the mafia boss of Florida and Cuba? In Tampa, you can see Trafficante's final resting place at the L'Unione Italiana Cemetery in Ybor City. Trafficante died in 1987 at a Houston hospital after a triple bypass.

4 SUNSET BEACH: Almost all of the Tampa-area beaches are located west of the city in Pinellas County, and all of them are gorgeous. But one of the nicest and most secluded is Sunset Beach, nestled at the tip of a small beach city named Treasure Island. There are few businesses on this part of the barrier island but it's mostly homes and condos.

5 ST. PETERSBURG WATERFRONT: Downtown Tampa is mostly concrete and steel, but across the bay is a kinder, gentler cityscape. You can stroll along parks and the waterfront between the historic, Mediterranean-revival Vinoy Renaissance Resort and Golf Club and the new, eye-popping Salvador Dali Museum. Pass by the Museum of Fine Arts, a marina, a yacht club and some gorgeous banyan trees. On nearby Beach Drive, cafes, bars and stores line the street.

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The Tampa Bay Times Forum, home of the NHL's Tampa Bay Lightning, will host the Republican National Convention on Aug. 27 to 30, 2012.. REINHOLD MATTAY/ASSOCIATED PRESS

streets. That heritage is celebrated here, and still alive in the cigar shops mixed in among the bars and restaurants in what is now a bustling entertainment district.

In the so-called "Cigar City," aficionados can put fire to a fine stogie rolled minutes before right in the window of one those Ybor City shops.

Don't fancy a cigar? Then how about a Cuban sandwich? That's the other product that virtually synonymous with Tampa and is similarly interwoven into its history.

A staple of the early immigrant communities in Ybor City, the sandwich of ham, roasted pork, Swiss cheese, pickles and mustard on pressed Cuban bread remains a Tampa favourite, with many restaurants and sandwich shops claiming to have the best or most authentic version. (Like pizza, Cuban sandwiches are hardly ever bad, regardless of who makes them.)

The area is expected to benefit directly from the convention to the tune of around $175 million, according to the host committee, and down the road it will attract potential visitors from the millions of people watching it on TV around the world. The event will attract three times more media members than the Super Bowl, which Tampa has hosted four times.

"It's coverage that you can't buy," said Travis Claytor, spokesman for the area's tourism bureau. "Every time they do a cut-away shot of the skyline of downtown Tampa or the Tampa Bay Times Forum, or show beauty shots of the beaches and the attractions, that's promoting the destination like we've never been able to promote it before. This is an opportunity that has never come along before, and it's priceless, to be honest with you."

Tampa will be the focus for convention visitors, of course, with its big-city skyline, world-class aquarium, Busch Gardens theme park, Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, and the riverfront arena where all the convention floor action will take place. But the area is what it is — cool and cosmopolitan enough to attract Super Bowls, NCAA Final Four tournaments and now, a political convention — because of St. Petersburg, Clearwater and the rest of what is collectively known as "Tampa Bay."

Visitors will do themselves a disservice if they don't cross the bay and check out St. Petersburg's stunning waterfront downtown area, as well as the youthful vibe of Clearwater Beach. Some of the best white-sand beaches anywhere are close by, too. Two of them — Fort DeSoto Park and Caladesi Island — have topped the list from Stephen P. Leatherman, a Florida International University professor dubbed "Dr. Beach" for his annual rankings of the nation's best coastlines.

Just north of Clearwater is Tarpon Springs, a small town established by Greek immigrant sponge divers in the early 20th century whose descendants have worked hard to maintain the distinct Mediterranean flavour. The sponge docks now cater to tourists with a string of wonderful Greek restaurants, bakeries and gift shops.

"It was presented (to the RNC) as a complete area and all we have to offer," said convention host committee spokeswoman Aileen Rodriguez. "The community really came together to put the bid together and get it in. Now we're excited about showcasing the whole area to the guests who are coming into Tampa Bay."

Delegates and other visitors will be utilizing hotels on both sides of the bay, with a network of as many as 400 buses shuttling them to and from the Tampa Bay Times forum for the four nights of the convention.

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In the area

Many other communities around Tampa are also well worth a visit:

- **St. Petersburg**. A much more welcoming waterfront and downtown than Tampa's, and a number of great museums and galleries.
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Children's Fairyland is Oakland's amusement park for smaller kids to enjoy themselves in. ERIC RISBERG/ASSOCIATED PRESS

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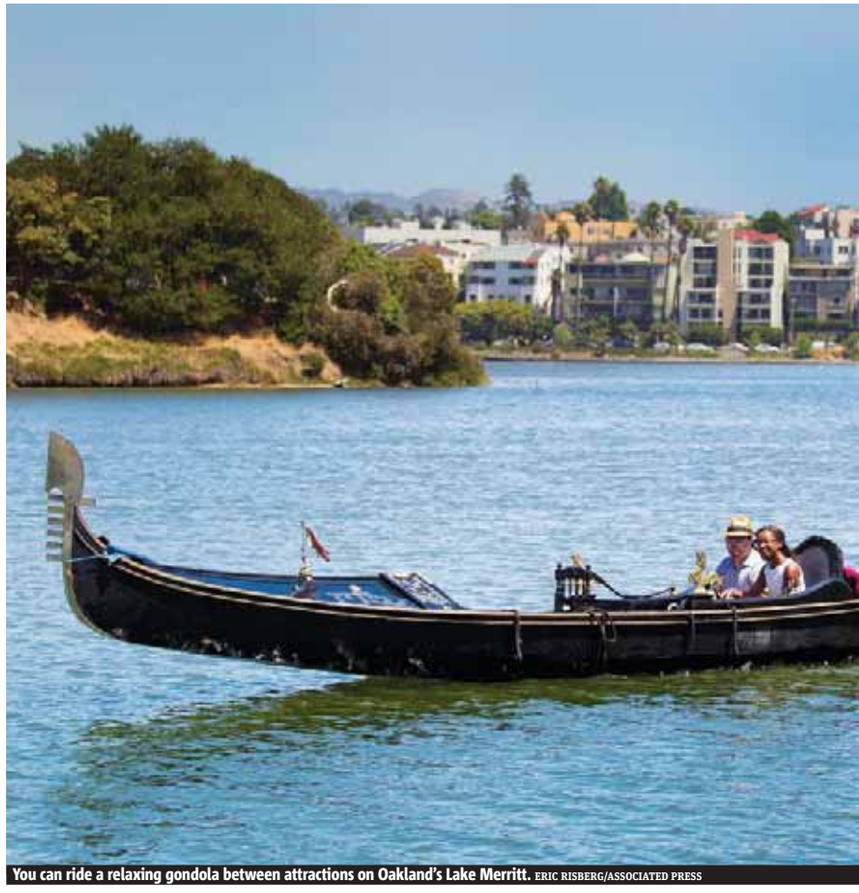

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Often overlooked, Oakland is now gaining in popularity

The 'other' city by the bay. It's hard making an image for yourself when you're competing with San Francisco

It's not easy being Oakland, existing in the shadow of glamorous San Francisco. But this is no ugly stepsister of a city.

It's true Oakland has some big-city blues, including a struggle with crime. But if you are contemplating a quick stopover during a visit to that 'other' city by the bay, Oakland has a lot to offer, from elegant neighbourhoods and beautiful parks to a thriving food and arts scene. Not to mention balmier weather than the big city.

Getting here from San Francisco is as simple as driving east across the Bay Bridge or catching the Richmond or Pittsburgh/Bay Point BART trains to the 12th or 19th Street stations that put you in the heart of Oakland. What to do? Here are few things to consider.

The Fox Theater has old-time glamour. ERIC RISBERG/ASSOCIATED PRESS

Get into a gondola

You can take a gondola — yes, a gondola — ride from the Lake Chalet restaurant on Lake Merritt, which serves as a relaxing oasis near downtown. Also at the lake are paddle or other boat rentals, restaurants and cafes, a jogging path and a bird sanctuary. Catch a movie at the Grand Lake Theater at the top of the lake, home to a mighty Wurlitzer that plays before selected shows. Or take in the mild thrills of Children's Fairyland, an amusement park for the pint-sized set.

See stars

Catch a musical act at the renovated Fox Theater; see a classic movie amid the old-time glamour of the Paramount Theater; settle in for some cool jazz at Yoshi's Oakland. Or go for a different type of stellar experience with a visit to the Chabot Space & Science Center set in the hills above the city.

Stick a fork in it

For a restaurant with a casual vibe, try Plum and adjoining Plum Bar in the Uptown neighbourhood. Reclaimed wooden tables and benches and an open kitchen set the mood here with the focus on local products. Another option is Camino, not far from the Grand Lake Theater, where local specialties are cooked in a wood-fired oven right in the dining room. For a chilly treat, visit Fenton's Creamery, a hometown favourite that just may look familiar. It was featured in the movie Up made by Pixar, headquartered just across the border from Oakland in Emeryville.

Soak in a little history

The USS Potomac, a Coast Guard cutter that became FDR's "Floating White House," had a rough time of it after Roosevelt's death. After passing through the hands of a number of owners, it was seized in San Francisco in connection with drug smuggling and sank after being impounded. Left to rot on an estuary, the ship was rescued in the nick of time from becoming scrap and was painstakingly restored. You can take a dockside tour, take a cruise or even charter the vessel yourself.

Hit the urban wine scene

Visit wine country, minus the country. Oakland is home to a number of urban wineries, many of them scattered along decidedly unromantic Fourth Street. You won't find vistas of sweeping greenery here but you may encounter some enthusiastic vintners and interesting wines. Of note, Dashe Cellars, producer of some standout zinfandels.

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One of the world's biggest travel guidebook publishers, Lonely Planet, happens to have its U.S. headquarters in Oakland. And where do these world travellers go for fun after work when they don't want to stray too far from the office? The Linden Street Brewery, an Oakland microbrewery with a taproom.

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Olympians, tourists come together at Spruce Meadows

Rockie Mountain view. Three more major events still on tap this year at Calgary equestrian centre

It marked the beginning of the "Road to London" for Canada's equestrian team and attracts more than a half-million show jumping aficionados to the Calgary area each year.

Spruce Meadows is recognized as one of the world's top show jumping facilities and hosted its first equestrian tournament in 1976. Located deep in the southwest corner of Calgary's city limits, the sprawling 146-hectare facility — with a striking view of the Rocky Mountains to the west — has the stable capacity for 1,000 horses.

It is a regular haunt of 2008 Olympic gold medalist Eric Lamaze, who, along with longtime stalwart Ian Millar, Mac Cone and Jill Henselwood, also won silver in the team event.

"It really does have that Olympic feeling and this year the 'Road to London' started here for the Canadians," said Spruce Meadows vice-president Ian Allison.

"We've been fortunate in our history that Canada's had some really big stars — Ian Millar, Eric Lamaze, Gail Greenough, Mario Deslauriers," he added.

"We're not always at the top of the game — just like Britain isn't always at the top of the game in tennis — but Wimbledon is still a big draw on the global scale and Spruce Meadows is sort of that ilk."

There are six major outdoor tournaments and eight indoor tournaments at Spruce Meadows annually. The summer series is the biggest draw and will come to an end with the Masters which runs from Sept. 5-9, just a few weeks after the Olympic athletes return home.

On a year that the centennial of the Calgary Stampede drew more than 1.4 million visitors, Spruce Meadows is continuing to hold its own.

Spruce Meadows hosts about 300 events not directly related to show jumping, including convention events, trade shows and the annual International Christmas Market.

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If you go ...

Events. There are three more equestrian events at Spruce Meadows in 2012: the Masters from Sept. 5-9, the Harvest Classic (Oct. 18-21) and Oktoberfest (Oct. 25-28).

Seating. Reserved seating is available, but regular gate admission gives visitors opportunity for rush seating for major events.

Accommodation. There are several hotels within 10 minutes of the venue.

Spruce Meadows is the epicentre of Canadian equestrian and show-jumping culture. FLICKR: WILSON HUI

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Squam Lakes look even better in person

Setting for On Golden Pond. Thirty years after the popular film, travellers are still discovering the beauty of New Hampshire

Squam Lakes are nestled in New Hampshire's rolling, thickly wooded mountains. FLICKR: MJMKEATING

It's been more than 30 years since the movie On Golden Pond revealed the natural beauty of New Hampshire's Squam Lakes to a worldwide audience. Truth is, it's even more wonderful in real life.

Boating

Squam Lakes comprises Little and Big Squam, which are dotted by a number of islands and coves providing sanctuary for those famous loons and other wildlife, including bald eagles.

Canoe and kayak rentals are available at the Squam Lakes Association (www.squamlakes.org).

Or relax on the Squam Lakes Science Center (www.nhnature.org) cruise and get the dish on making the movie, too.

Walking

Though it gets a little touristy, the view from Rattlesnake Mountain (www.nhdfl.org) is spectacular. There are woodland trails at The Loon Center (www.loon.org), whose gift shop is packed with cute stuff you never knew you needed.

Dining, Drinking

Don't miss the Inn Kitchen + Bar at The Squam Lake Inn (www.squamlakeinn.com) whose unbelievably delicious goodies are seasonal locavore. The wines are boutique. Apart from being in an 1890s New Hampshire inn, the restaurant wouldn't be out of place in Sideways. Don't miss: A stack of portobellos sandwiched with tangy goat cheese, parmesan-crusted baked haddock with melt-in-the-mouth polenta and frozen key lime pie.

Not the Hollywood version

Truth is, it's actually even more beautiful in real life.

The quaint Corner House Inn (www.cornerhouseinn.com) has an upstairs bar packed with stuffed animals and bric-a-brac. The funky Common Man (www.thecman.com) has exposed post and beam from trees that probably grew before the Revolutionary War. An upstairs lounge and outdoor deck offer nightlife options.

Stay

The Inn on Golden Pond (www.innongoldenpond.com) was built in 1879, originally as a private home, and is set on 50 acres of beautiful undeveloped woodland.

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The Manor on Golden Pond (www.manorongoldenpond.com) was built as a private mansion and is now a genteel resort with eclectic guest rooms — everything from bohemian boudoir to rugged rustic — tennis courts, an outdoor pool and peaceful Seasons spa — perfect for a little "me time."

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Behold the future (maybe). Personal Jetpacks are now real

JWoww approved

Actually, they've been around since 2004, but few people noticed before they appeared on Jersey Shore

- **Started by a Canadian.** Raymond Li in Dania Beach, Fla.
- **Not cheap.** About $100,000 to buy, but only $75 for 15 minutes.

Jenna Lee didn't get as high as she wanted, and it wasn't for lack of trying.

In fact, the 23-year-old Brick Township, N.J., woman was perfectly sober as she tried to soar over the surface of Barnegat Bay.

She was using a JetLev, a mechanical contraption seemingly right out of The Jetsons that lets users hover above and fly over the surface of the water. It's become one of this summer's must-do attractions at the Jersey shore for anyone with $75.

"It was awesome!" she exclaimed after her flight site over the bay near the Route 37 bridge in Ocean County.

The contraption gained some notoriety a few weeks ago when Jenny "JWoww" Farley of MTV's Jersey Shore tried one out.

Started in 2004 by Raymond Li, a Canadian, the JetLev went through years of testing and revision and hit the market a few months ago. Anthony Manasia, an employee of Jersey Shore Watercraft Rentals, which owns two of the devices, said they cost $100,000 apiece.

JetLev, based in Dania Beach, Fla., says it has about 100 units in use at 20 centres around the country.

The Berkeley, N.J., rental facility charges $130 for a half-hour flight, or $75 for 15 minutes.

The device resembles a backpack with handles and two powerful jet nozzles, connected by a long black hose to a 10-foot boat that trails behind the user in the water and forces water through the hose and out the nozzles, creating the lift that propels the wearer into the air. A supervisor on a nearby vessel controls the speed of the jets, and thus the height of the flier.

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Skip BBQ toppings & finish steak with chimichurri sauce

Steak with Chimichurri Sauce
This recipe serves four. THE CANADIAN PRESS H/O

Excellent cuts of barbecued beef suit Canadians' summer lifestyle to a T — simple, great-tasting food grilled to perfection. In this rendition, chimichurri sauce is used.

1. In a food processor, combine parsley, coriander, mint, garlic, cumin, salt and cayenne; pulse until garlic is minced. Add vinegar and mix. Gradually add oil, mixing until thoroughly combined. (Chimichurri can be made up to 1 day in advance. Cover and refrigerate until ready to use or freeze for up to 1 month.)

2. Generously season beef with salt and pepper. Place on greased grill over medium-high heat; close cover and grill for 4 to 6 minutes per side for medium-rare.

3. Meanwhile, if not using vine tomatoes, thread cherry tomatoes on small skewers (if using wooden skewers, soak for about 20 minutes first). Place tomatoes on grill and cook for last few minutes of grilling, just until warmed through. Serve with steak.

Ingredients

Grilled Steak
- 4 beef tenderloin grilling steaks (each 180 g/6 oz) or your favourite cut of grilling beef
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- 1 pkg (200 g) on-the-vine cherry tomatoes or 375 ml (1 1/2 cups) cherry tomatoes

Chimichurri Sauce
- 250 ml (1 cup) chopped fresh parsley
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) each chopped fresh coriander and mint
- 2 cloves garlic, chopped
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) ground cumin
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) salt
- Generous pinch cayenne pepper
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) red wine vinegar
- 150 ml (2/3 cup) olive oil

4. Drizzle each steak with 30 ml (2 tbsp) chimichurri. Serve remaining chimichurri sauce on the side. FOODLAND ONTARIO/ THE CANADIAN PRESS

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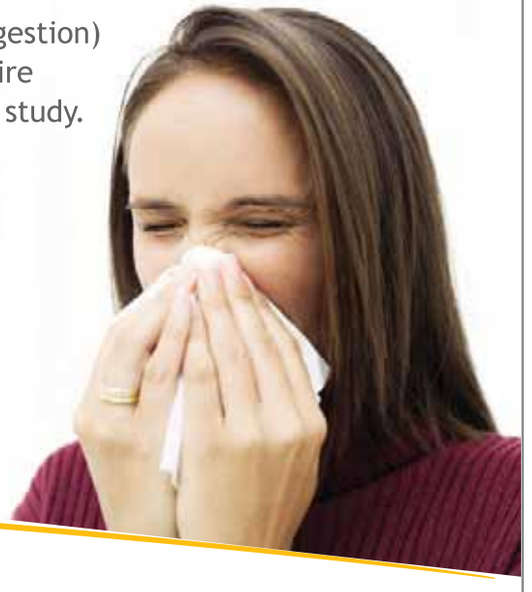
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Becoming an office Olympian

Work to win. Channel the athlete's outlook in every day life

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As London is alive with athletes embracing the Olympic motto and going faster, higher and stronger, the work force is alive with employees practicing these same strategies for success.

Workplace competition is inescapable these days, what with interns fighting for that one available position, and everyone and their brother hoping for a promotion. Donovan Bailey is a pro at going for the gold. You can be too – and you can do it in the most professional and appropriate way possible.

Recognize the importance of training

Every week you should be analyzing your performance. Did you meet your targets? Where and why did you fall short? Evaluating your performance and taking steps to improve — whether it be embarking upon further training courses or practicing some basic strategies — is going to help you become the strongest employee you can be.

Overcome obstacles

Every athlete has to learn how to pick themselves up after a setback. That high jump bar you just can't clear? The hurdle you keep knocking over? Athletes need to keep their eye on the prize in order to keep going when the going gets tough.

Similarly, we face obstacles in the workplace as well. Not getting the promotion you wanted. Being rejected from a job you thought you had in the bag. Keeping your eyes on your ultimate goal and focusing your attention on what steps you can take to get there will help you find yourself on the workplace podium sooner rather than later.

Push yourself

Preparing for the Olympics is an insane time commitment. You eat, sleep and breathe Olympic training. Therefore, maintaining focus and working towards constant improvement is your key to success. At work, it is easy to fall victim to doing the bare minimum and settling into where you are instead of working towards where you could be. Pushing yourself to work harder and surpass expectations is where you are going to find your career success.

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Stick to friendly competition

Rivalry between co-workers who are fighting for the same positions can get heated as they fall under the pressure of trying to prove themselves. Standing out is one thing. Doing it maliciously is quite another. Although it's natural to want to win, remember that you are on a team. Do your best, but not at the expense of others.

Go for the gold

"Keeping your eyes on your ultimate goal and focusing your attention on what steps you can take to get there will help you find yourself on the workplace podium sooner rather than later."
Leah Ruehlicke

Be a lover not a fighter

Nothing says Canadian pride like your whole house crowding around the TV and cheering on our Olympians. Not only that, but the athletes who are competing are just as supportive of each other and just as eager to cheer each other on. At work, embrace the idea of being a team and supporting your peers. Rooting for others will encourage them to do the same for you (and make them want to work more closely with you!)

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Tweeting tragedy turns into lesson

Dreams dashed. Olympian's story of social slip-up important for all hires to hear

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Don't forget that the words you type are connected to your mouth. ISTOCK

After years of training and preparation, it took less than 140 characters to dash Greek track athlete Voula Papachristou's Olympic dreams.

The young triple-jump champion was booted from the London 2012 Summer Olympic Games roster after she posted a tasteless tweet about Africans and the West Nile virus, sparking an uproar on social media.

While only a select few get to be professional athletes and partake in the Olympics, this situation speaks to an issue that is common among all of us: social media can have serious repercussions for your career — a lesson that Papachristou is now learning the hard way.

To be sure that you don't have to endure the same lesson, Robert Half Division Director Chris Brady has some tips and advice for job seekers and young professionals using social media.

Remember your audience

"Your social profile when you're in college or university can be very different than what it should be when you're out in the workforce," says Brady. When you're posting on social media, it's important to remember that you're not on campus anymore. What you post, tweet and upload is available to a much wider network of people than just your immediate network of friends. The web is much larger than that. Current and prospective employers are in that mix.

Be aware of the impression that you make online, he says. Even though LinkedIn is the 'Facebook of business,' companies can still lurk around your other social networks to get a sense of who you are.

Amp up your security

If you've racked up years of unflattering party photos or awkward high school banter that you'd rather your current or future boss not see, the easiest solution is to adjust your privacy settings.

Each social media site has help features to explain how to share without sharing with the wrong people. Keeping your social networks private is a quick way to manage your online brand if you don't have time to professionalize your accounts.

Pause before you post

When you have a great tweet or status update, it can be tempting to get it out to the cyber sphere as quickly as possible. But stop a moment and think. This message is potentially going out to more than just your network of friends so you better make sure that it is what you want to say. Check your spelling, check your grammar and, above all, check your content.

Brady says, if you're posting something that employers could find, ask yourself: "Would I stand up in a conference room and make that comment?" If the answer is no, such as in the case of Papachristou's tweet, then don't hit send.

Though you can delete posts off your feed or account, you can never fully erase them. "The information that you put out there once you hit that button is out there for good," says Brady.

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Manage your brand

- Outside of maintaining a professional persona with the content that you're putting out, it's also important to keep tabs on what others are posting about you. You may not be posting photos from last night's party, but if your friends are, then employers can still find them.
- Monitoring your online presence shouldn't just be a priority when you're on the job hunt, says Brady, it needs to be an ongoing activity. Keep track of what you're saying online and what other people are saying about you to avoid any uncomfortable discussions with current and future employers.

Keep yourself in check

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I landed a job a month before graduating, but it wasn't easy getting there. Job hunting was an emotional roller coaster, every day I submitted my resumé to many employers. I interviewed anywhere from non-profit organizations to corporate retailers. I went through a total of seven interviews, three of which I made to the second round and still didn't get the job. This happened all within a month or so. It was a very straining process and always such a tease; it didn't help either knowing many of my friends struggled to land a job a year after graduation.

There were three main items I struggled with:

Job search: Where exactly was I supposed to look? I found that websites that pull jobs from different avenues act as very effective search engines. I also bookmarked all the companies I was interested in working for and checked back regularly for postings.

My resumé: I feel like I struggled with this one the most — and I still do. How exactly is my resumé supposed to look? While some employers prefer something a little more creative, others may want something more professional. Who exactly is looking at my resumé? Sometimes it's someone in human resources and sometimes it's the actual department manager. These are all important factors to consider.

Interviews: I experienced an interview with a recruiter, a very nice human resources lady, a few managers, a couple of directors, and a president. What I learned from all those interviews is that you have to be relaxed and forget about those cookie cutter answers — it's harder to stand out from the rest that way. (I did, however, once answer that I was too hard of a worker as my weakness...). Remember that it's okay not to get the job. Every interview will only improve your interview skills. Each time I proceed to the second round of interviews and didn't get the job, I knew I was only getting better.

Where I am now

I'm currently a Marketing Communications Coordinator for an energy retailer. I work with a great bunch of people. It takes me an hour to commute to work, but there's never been a day that I don't look forward to it.

My recommendations for employers, schools and career centres

When my director left, I wrote him a note and truly thanked him for giving a new graduate a chance. He was a very hands-on leader and always pulled in the new grads to initiate any new projects. He believed in our ability.

Employers should remember that new grads can always bring in new perspective, innovative ideas and the very latest knowledge from academia.

My recommendations for students

Getting a call for an interview is hard enough, but going through the interview can be even more intimidating.

Throughout the whole interview process, the most bizarre questions asked were, "How many die are in Las Vegas?" and "If you got to be any animal you want, what would you be?" Those questions encourage you to think outside the box.

How many die are in Las Vegas? Well why don't we start with manufacturers and distributors, don't limit yourself to just the casinos.

What animal would I like to be? You know everyone else would answer a fierce lion or an intelligent puppy, but why not a sea otter?

Let's be a little silly but also creative in your answer.

You have to believe in yourself and put your knowledge and experience into consideration; don't settle for the first thing that comes your way. If you think you deserve better – you do!

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Dancevic's renaissance won't begin in Toronto

Tennis. Former No. 65-seed Canadian falls in first-round at Rogers Cup

Frank Dancevic has had better days at the Rogers Cup.

Only five years ago, he reached the quarter-finals.

But Mikhail Kukushkin of Kazakhstan defeated Dancevic 6-3, 7-5 in a first-round Rogers Cup match on Tuesday.

Kukushkin, 24, ranked 69th in the world, will play Richard Gasquet of France in Round 2.

Dancevic, 27, a native of Niagara Falls, Ont., is trying to resurrect a career that had him ranked 65th in the world at one stage. He entered the Rogers Cup as a wild card, ranked 123.

"I've had a pretty rough year this year battling injuries and stuff," he said after Tuesday's match. "My confidence this year started getting better last week. I started playing really well and I made the semifinals in Vancouver."

But as well as he played last week, it was a different story on Tuesday.

"Arriving here late and adjusting, I found it a little difficult and I felt like I was struggling out there today finding my timing," he said.

After dropping the first set, he was competitive in the second until Kukushkin broke his service to go ahead 6-5.

"Physically I feel good," Dancevic said. "My back is good, knock on wood. The last three tournaments I've played I haven't felt any pain or anything serious."

Things weren't so good earlier this year.

"When I was playing well ... I felt like my confidence just skyrocketed," he said. "Then, bam, I was out three months, it happened so suddenly. I just like popped ligaments and I was out. It kind of scared me.

"Coming back and starting to train again was really difficult.... I was very tentative, very afraid of what was going to happen if I would get hurt again and be out again."

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Pospisil finished

On Tuesday afternoon, Juan Monaco of Argentina defeated Vasek Pospisil of Vancouver 7-5, 6-4.

- It was a quick turnaround for the 22-year-old Pospisil, who beat Italy's Andreas Seppi on Monday night in a third-set tiebreaker.

Frank Dancevic leaves the court after his loss in Toronto on Tuesday. AARON VINCENT ELKAIM/THE CANADIAN PRESS

In Montreal

Rest not an option for Azarenka

It's been a hectic time for Victoria Azarenka, but it has not kept the world's top-ranked women's tennis player away from the women's Rogers Cup.

Azarenka arrived in Montreal on Tuesday from the London Olympics, where she won bronze in singles and then gold in mixed doubles with Belarus compatriot Max Mirnyi.

"It's not easy to regroup mentally because you want to celebrate a bit, but you have no time," Azarenka said Tuesday. "But I'm happy to be here."

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Victoria Azarenka in Montreal on Tuesday. GETTY IMAGES

Mobile sports

Punctures. Broken saddles. Shoe issues. The Olympics is not the place for a cyclist to have a mechanical malfunction. Some problems can't be anticipated. But for the rest, the Canadian track cycling team has veteran mechanic Sandy MacDonald. Scan the code for the story.

Pitching prognosis gets worse for Jays

Drew Hutchison pitches in Toronto in June. CARLOS OSORIO/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

The Blue Jays will have to do without rookie right-hander Drew Hutchison a lot longer than expected, with word coming down Tuesday that the 21-year-old will undergo season-ending Tommy John surgery.

Typical recovery time for the reconstructive elbow operation is at least a year, meaning he will miss most — if not all — of the 2013 season.

When Hutchison left his start on June 15 with pain in his right elbow — becoming the third Jays' starter to suffer a serious injury in just four games — his ailment was originally classified as a "sprained," rather than torn, elbow ligament. The Jays believed he would escape surgery.

Manager John Farrell said then that Hutchison's injury was "clearly" less severe than Kyle Drabek's — suffered a day earlier — for which there was consensus on the need for surgery. There was talk of Hutchison rejoining the starting rotation before the end of the season.

But after nearly two months of rest, rehab and deliberation with his family, Hutchison will join Drabek on the long road to recovery — except now he's two months behind.

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Surgery schedule

The Jays say Hutchison will have his surgery performed by Dr. James Andrews in Pensacola, Fla., on Thursday.

- Toronto right-hander Dustin McGowan will also visit Andrews on Wednesday and is scheduled for arthroscopic surgery to evaluate his right shoulder joint on Thursday.
- McGowan has had shoulder surgeries in 2008 and 2010. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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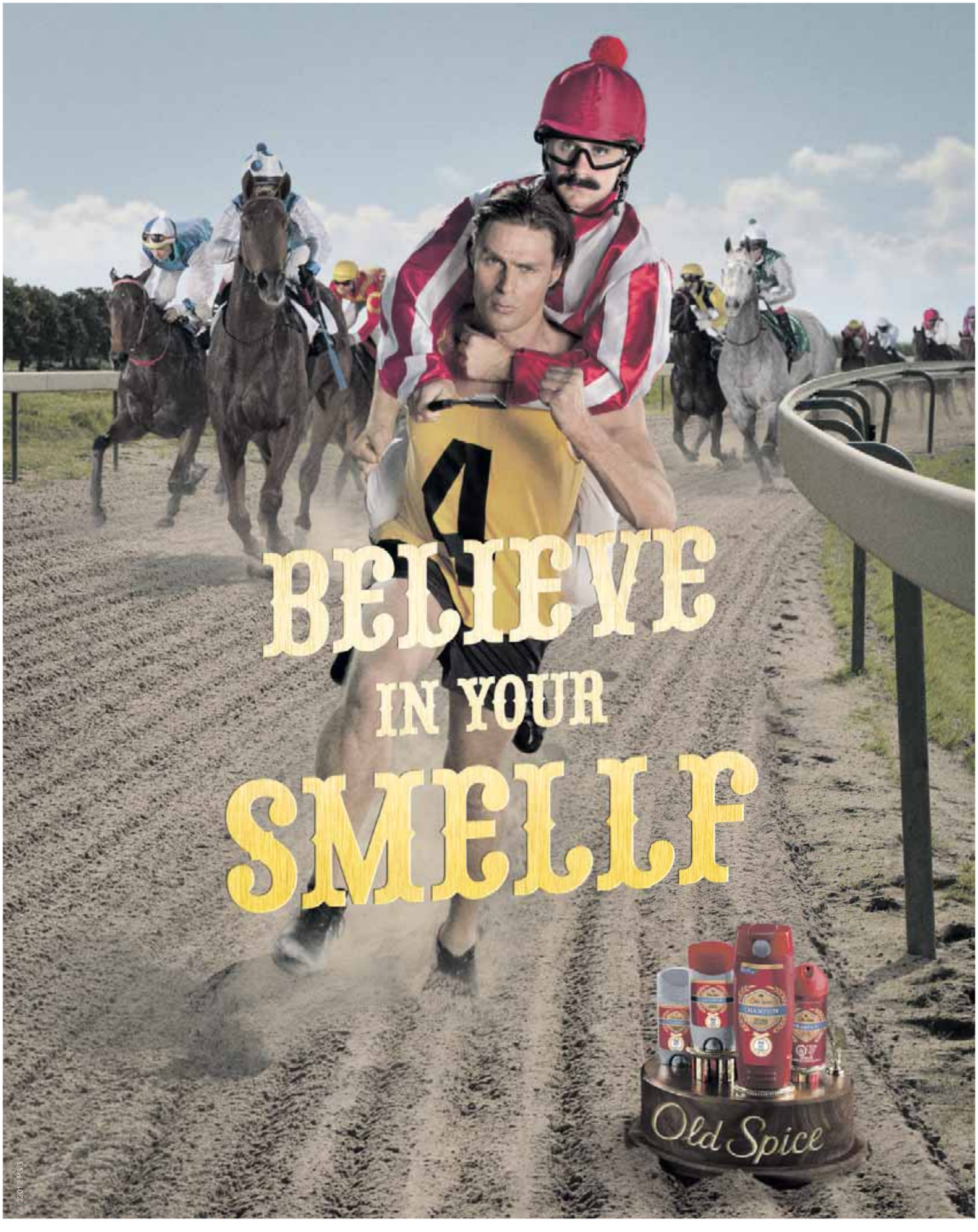
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Derek Drouin wraps himself in the Canada flag as he celebrates his bronze in the men's high jump on Tuesday at Olympic Stadium in London.
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Drouin overcame injury to leap to an Olympic bronze

High jump. Three-time NCAA champion wins Canada's first medal in high jump since 1976

Quoted

"Basically my goal was just to get through the season and get to the Olympics."

Derek Drouin, bronze-medal winner in the men's high jump, who had surgery to secure his foot with screws and then was sidelined for eight months.

A year ago at this time, Derek Drouin was barely walking, let alone leaping.

The 22-year-old from Corunna, Ont., had suffered a lisfranc fracture, a gruesome foot injury that has ended the careers of countless athletes, and one that his doctor warned may keep him off Canada's Olympic team.

Certainly no one watching Tuesday night would have guessed that as he captured bronze in the men's high jump, Canada's first track and field medal at the London Olympics and its first in the event since Greg Joy's silver at the 1976 Montreal Games.

"That was the amazing thing," said his coach Joel Skinner, a high school teacher in Sarnia. "He struggled with it, got over it, was determined, came back from it. He has come back from this lisfranc fracture to win an Olympic medal and a lot of people need to know about that because it's just an amazing feat."

Drouin finished in a three-way tie with Britain's Robert Grabarz and Qatar's Mutaz Essa Barshim. All three cleared 2.29 metres without any misses then missed three attempts at 2.33 metres.

Ivan Ukhov of Russia won the gold with a jump of 2.38 metres while American Erik Kynard took silver with 2.33.

Mike Mason of Nanoose Bay, B.C., was eighth with 2.29, narrowly missing on one of his attempts at 2.33 metres that would have put him in the medals.

Drouin, a three-time NCAA champion, suffered the injury in March 2011 when he planted his right takeoff foot an odd way. The mid-foot injury results when the metatarsal bones are displaced.

"My doctor made it very clear that if I was going to qualify (for London) it was going to be very, very tight. The rehab was extensive, it was very long," Drouin said.

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Diving. Despatie 11th in fourth and final Olympics

Ilya Zakharov of Russia scored 104.50 points on his last dive to win the three-metre springboard at the London Olympics, spoiling China's bid to sweep all eight diving events.

Zakharov totalled 555.90 points in the six-round final Tuesday night. Qin Kai of China took the lead into the last round, but he settled for silver at 541.75.

He Chong, the defending champion and Qin's teammate, earned the bronze at 524.15.

Alexandre Despatie of Laval, Que., finished 11th in his final Olympics.

"My objective this year was to compete at my fourth Olympics," said the 27-year-old, who suffered a serious injury in training in June. "I had a lot of roadblocks on the way and I pushed myself to the limit to get there.

Alexandre Despatie performs in the men's three-metre diving final in London. THE CANADIAN PRESS

"It was the most taxing year of my life and just to be here was something special to me. I was lucky to be here in the first place." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Synchronized swimming

Russians reprove dominance in duet

Natalia Ishchenko and Svetlana Romashina extended Russia's domination of synchronized swimming with an Olympic gold medal in duet on Tuesday.

The Russians improved on their free score from the prelims, finishing with a total of 197.100 points. They haven't lost an Olympic synchro event since the 1996 Atlanta Games.

The only real drama was for silver, which went to Spain's Ona Carbonell and Andrea Fuentes with 192.900 after a lively, Tango-themed routine that had the crowd at the Aquatics Centre clapping along nearly the whole way.

China's Huang Xuechen and Liu Ou finished third with 192.870.

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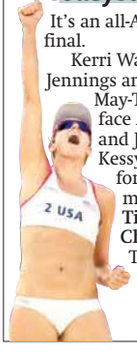
Wednesday's 3 to watch

1 Equestrian

Defending champion Eric Lamaze, of Schomberg, Ont., pictured, and 10-time Olympian Ian Millar, of Perth, Ont., will represent Canada in the individual jumping event.
Time: 9:55 a.m.
Channel: TSN

2 Women's beach volleyball

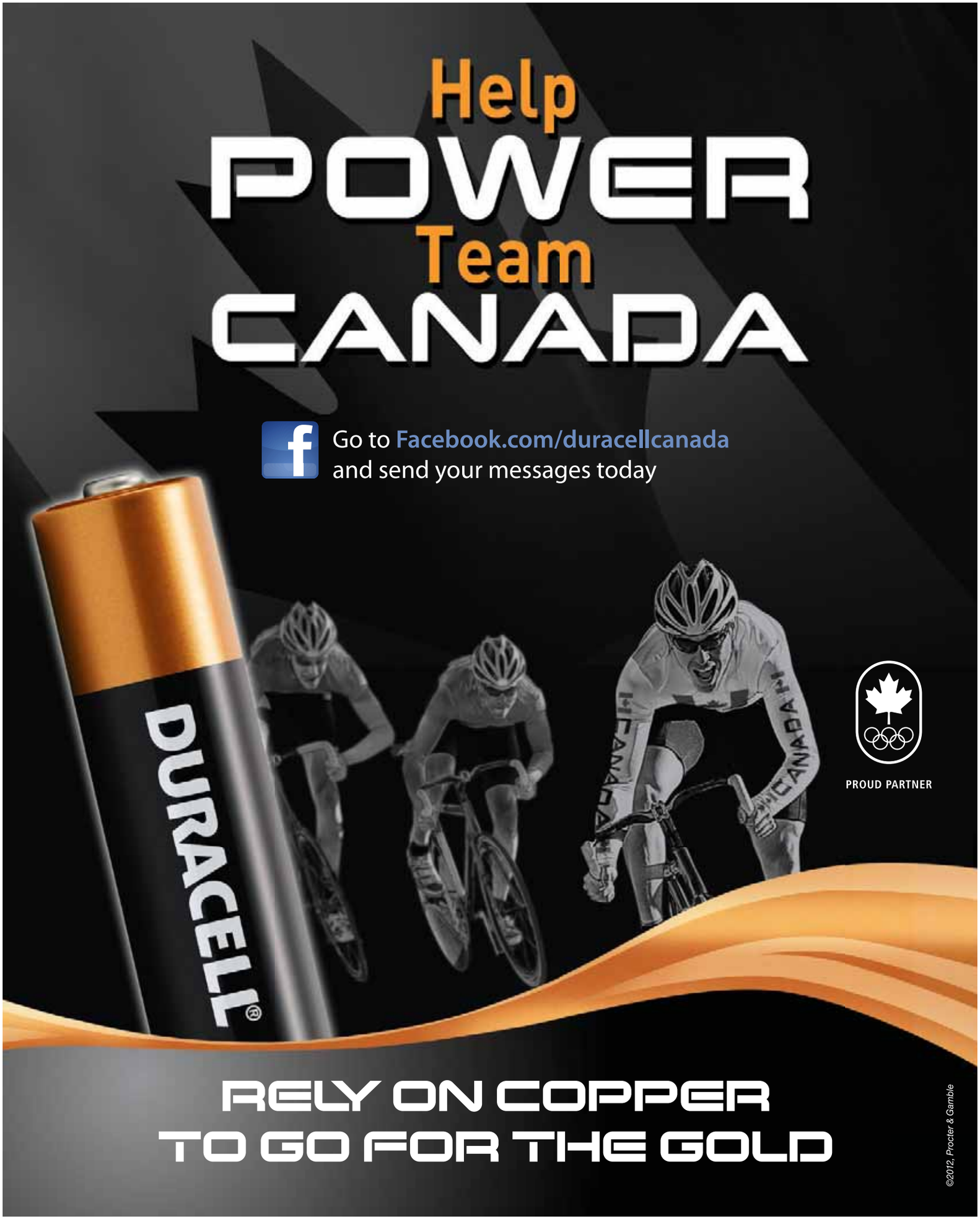


It's an all-American final.

Kerri Walsh Jennings and Misty May-Treanor will face April Ross and Jennifer Kessy, pictured, for the gold medal.
Time: 4 p.m.
Channel: TSN

3 Women's wrestling

Hazelton, B.C.'s Carol Huynh returns to the Olympic mat to try to defend her gold medal from the 2008 Beijing Games in the 48-kg weight class. Huynh is one of Canada's best chances for a medal on Wednesday.
Time: 8:20 a.m.
Channel: Sportsnet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Games in pictures

1 Basketball. Canadian women not quite ready to beat the best

The Canadian women's basketball team was hammered 91-48 by defending champion U.S. in a quarter-final on Tuesday. Canada was making its first-ever appearance in the Olympic quarter-finals after qualifying for a Games for the first time in 12 years. THE CANADIAN PRESS

2 Cycling. Whitten falls just short of second medal in London

Canadian Tara Whitten missed out on another Olympic medal Tuesday when she finished fourth in the six-race omnium at the Olympic Velodrome.

Fourth overall overnight, the former two-time world champion moved into a tie for third with Australian Annette Edmonson after the three-kilometre individual pursuit. But Whitten, who won bronze in the women's team pursuit on Saturday, was unable to make up the deficit in the final time trial. THE CANADIAN PRESS

3 Track. Bolt breezes through 200-metre qualifying

For Usain Bolt, there are bigger things to come. For some of the runners lucky — or unlucky — enough to race against him in 200-metre qualifying Tuesday, this was the highlight of the Olympics.

Bolt opened defence of his 200-metre title with a stress-free first-round heat of 20.39 seconds, a race in which he powered to the lead early, then eased up to a jog over the final 80 metres. The Jamaican, who won the 100 metres Sunday, will race again Wednesday in the 200 semifinals. The final is Thursday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Van Koeverdan, Oldershaw confident ahead of final races

Canoe- Kayak. Canadian paddlers look to past experiences to prepare for Olympic pressure

He's one of the faces of the Canadian team and on Wednesday he'll be going for gold at the London Olympics.

Kayaker Adam van Koeverden will be a favourite in the K-1 1,000 metres after looking very impressive in winning his heat and semifinal on Monday.

The reigning world champion from Oakville hopes to put down one of the best efforts of his career.

"I've had a few other performances of my life," he said. "But it's new though, it's always new. I'm putting a lot of pressure on myself which is good I think.

"I just want to race fast."

Van Koeverden has won gold, silver and bronze over the last two Summer Games. He's just racing the 1,000 here since the 500-metre race has been replaced with a 200-metre sprint.

His good friend, canoeist Mark Oldershaw of Burlington will line up in the C-1 1,000-metre final. Oldershaw said he's confident even though it's an impressive field.

Mark Oldershaw, left, speaks with Adam van Koeverden on the waters of Eton Dorney on Monday. STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

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"I'm just going out there, having a great time, seeing what I can do and hopefully beat all of them."

Canadian canoeist Mark Oldershaw

"There's two Olympic champions there, I think two world champions, the current European champion and there's me," Oldershaw said. "I feel like I can beat them, I've beat them all at World Cup. I know I can beat them but I don't have that pressure that they all have."

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Family ties

Carrying on a Canadian canoeing dynasty

Mark Oldershaw is ready for his final event with his canoe, his paddle and a lot of family history.

The Oldershaws are a canoeing dynasty in Canada, with three generations reaching Olympic finals.

In 1948, Bert Oldershaw was part of a flatwater canoe doubles team that finished fifth in a 10,000-metre final at the London Olympics — just miles from where his grandson is competing. His sons — Dean, Reed and Scott — all competed at Summer Games across the 1970s and '80s. Mark, Bert's grandson, qualified for Wednesday's 1,000-metre C-1 final on Monday.

"To do it back here in London, where my grandfather started the whole thing, is pretty special for me," Mark Oldershaw said. "It feels good to get the name back in the final again." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Soccer. Ref critiques could prove costly to Canadians

FIFA is considering disciplinary action over blistering comments from the Canadian women's soccer team about the refereeing of their semi-final loss to the United States at the London Olympics.

FIFA says its disciplinary panel is "analyzing incidents that occurred after" Canada's 4-3 defeat following extra time on Monday.

Canadian forward Christine Sinclair, who scored all three goals, later said "the ref decided the result before the game started."

Canada was upset by an indirect free kick awarded against goalkeeper Erin McLeod for holding the ball too long late in normal time.

The resulting passage of play saw the Americans get a penalty, which Abby Wambach scored to equalize at 3-3.

Despite their anger, the Canadians don't intend to protest the result. They play France for the bronze medal Thursday.

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"I'm trying not to give it any power or attention at this point until it becomes something that affects the team."

Canadian women's soccer coach John Herdman on possible disciplinary action against his team

Boxing

Clayton narrowly loses in quarters

Custio Clayton gave Canadian boxing a shot in the arm early in the Olympic men's welterweight tournament.

He came within a few punches of doing much more than that Tuesday night at ExCel South Arena 2.

With a semifinal appearance and a guaranteed medal on the line, Clayton fought European champion Freddie Evans to an even 14-14 score but the Brit won on a countback to advance.

The countback is used to break scoring ties. Officials count the number of punches thrown in the fight and the boxer with the higher total wins. The final punch statistics aren't normally released.

The Canadian team filed a protest later in the evening but it was rejected by the International Amateur Boxing Association, according to the team's media attache. The Canadian team said in the failed appeal that Evans should have been given a warning after receiving a third caution for the same foul.

A warning gives two additional points to the opponent. The venue's media manager said officials planned to review the video, but there was no immediate word on when a decision would be announced.

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Whitfield bows out of race after crash on bike

Triathlon. Former gold medallist fails to finish competition in what could be his last Olympic appearance

Simon Whitfield intended to throw a final haymaker in his fourth Olympic triathlon. He didn't get beyond cocking his fist.

Within seconds of getting onto his bike, the 37-year-old crashed spectacularly in a freak accident Tuesday at the London Games and couldn't continue.

Whitfield watched Britain's Alistair Brownlee win gold from the medical tent while he received stitches in his toe and treatment for other assorted hurts.

The Olympic champion of 2000 and silver medallist of 2008 may have been a medal longshot in London, but he'd invested heavily in one last go at the podium.

Whitfield's chin dropped to his chest while speaking of the time away from wife Jennie and their two young daughters Pippa Katherine and Evelyn.

When he met with his family under the grandstand, he said five-year-old Pippa Katherine had a bouquet of maple leaves for him.

"My breakdown moment was seeing my wife because I know how much Jennie puts into this and we're a team and she's put in so much sacrifice being at home a lot alone," Whitfield said. "It was hard to see my daughter upset, my wife upset and I was pretty upset. That means it means something doesn't it?"

Spaniard Javier Gomez earned silver and Brownlee's younger brother Jonathan took bronze. It wasn't a banner day for the Canadian team. Kyle Jones of Oakville, Ont., was disappointed in his 25th-place finish. Victoria's Brent McMahon was 27th.

Whitfield came out of the 1.5-kilometre swim in the Serpentine in 15th. He hadn't even got his bare feet into his shoes when he lost control of his bike coming off a speed bump.

His bike wheels skidding sideways, the front wheel of competitor Leonardo Chacun made contact with the back of Whitfield's bike. The Costa Rican was dashed against the pavement while Whitfield careened towards the metal crowd barrier to his left, eventually falling as well with his bike cartwheeling in front of him. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada's Simon Whitfield talks to reporters after crashing in the men's triathlon on Tuesday.
SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Twitter response

"Devastated for Simon. Witnessed first hand his incredible work ethic and commitment. He was so ready for this race. #hero"

Paula Findlay, the teammate Whitfield strongly defended on Twitter after her disappointing finish at the women's triathlon, was one of the first to react to Whitfield's own failure.

"When I was in middle school and ran cross country, I would always pretend I was @simonwhitfield at the end. He's a hero to so many"

Canadian Olympic swimmer Julia Wilkinson, showing her admiration for Whitfield's inspirational career.

"When it was announced that @simonwhitfield had withdrawn the whole crowd sighed for him. He is so well respected"

Three-time Olympic champion rower Marnie McBean.

Day 11 results

MEDAL STANDINGS

200 of 302 total medal events

Nation	G	S	B	Tot
China	34	21	18	73
United States	30	19	21	70
Britain	22	13	13	48
Russia	10	18	20	48
Japan	2	13	14	29
France	8	9	11	28
Germany	6	14	7	27
Australia	4	12	9	25
South Korea	12	5	6	23
Italy	7	6	4	17
Netherlands	5	3	6	14
Canada	**1**	**3**	**7**	**11**
Hungary	4	2	3	9
New Zealand	3	1	5	9
Ukraine	3	0	6	9
Romania	2	5	2	9
Iran	4	3	1	8
Belarus	3	2	3	8
Denmark	2	4	2	8
Brazil	2	1	5	8
Poland	2	1	5	8
Kazakhstan	6	0	1	7
Cuba	3	3	1	7
Sweden	1	3	3	7
Spain	1	4	1	6
North Korea	4	0	1	5
Czech Republic	1	3	1	5
Kenya	1	2	2	5
Mexico	0	3	2	5
South Africa	3	1	0	4
Jamaica	2	1	1	4
Ethiopia	2	0	2	4
Slovenia	1	1	2	4
Colombia	0	3	1	4
Slovakia	0	1	3	4
Croatia	2	1	0	3
Georgia	1	1	1	3
Armenia	0	1	2	3
Azerbaijan	0	1	2	3
Belgium	0	1	2	3
India	0	1	2	3
Dominican Republic	1	1	0	2
Switzerland	1	1	0	2
Lithuania	1	0	1	2
Egypt	0	2	0	2
Estonia	0	1	1	2
Indonesia	0	1	1	2
Mongolia	0	1	1	2
Norway	0	1	1	2
Serbia	0	1	1	2

WHAT CANADA DID

Tuesday at the 2012 London Olympics

ATHLETICS

Men's 200m — First Round Qualifying — Aaron Brown, Toronto, finished third in heat two qualified with a time of 20.55. Tremaine Harris, Markham, Ont., finished fifth in heat five and qualified with a time of 20.70. Jared Connaughton, New Haven, P.E.I., finished third in heat seven and qualified with a time of 20.72.

Men's 800m — Semifinals — Geoffrey Harris, Halifax, finished seventh in heat three and failed to qualify with a time of 1:46.14.

Men's High Jump — final — Derek Drouin, Corunna, Ont., won a bronze medal (2.29). Michael Mason, Nanoose Bay, B.C., finished eighth.

Women's 200m — Semifinals — Crystal Emmanuel, Toronto, finished seveth in heat three with a time of 23.28 and failed to qualify.

Women's 100 Hurdles — Semifinals — Nikkita Holder, Pickering, Ont.. finished sixth in heat one with a time of 12.93 and failed to qualify. Finals — Phylicia George, Markham, Ont., finished in sixth with a time of 12.65 and Jessica Zelinka, Calgary, finished in seventh with a time of 12.69.

Women's 5000m — First Round Qualifying — Sheila Reid, Canada, finished in 15th in heat two and failed to qualify with a time of 15:27.41.

Women's Javelin — Qualifying — Elizabeth Gleadle, Canada, (60.26), 197-8, finished sixth in group one and qualified.

BASKETBALL

Women's quarterfinal — Canada was defeated 91-48 in their quarterfinal game against the U.S. Kim Smith, Mission, B.C., scored 13 points, while Chelsea Aubry, Kitchener, Ont., added 10.

BOXING

Men's Welter (69kg) — Custio Clayton of Dartmouth, N.S., lost his quarter-final match to Freddie Evans of Great Britain. The result was 14-14, but Evans won on a countback.

CANOE/KAYAK

Women's Kayak Singles 500 — Semifinals — Emilie Fournel, Lachine, Que., finished sixth in heat one and failed to qualify with a time of 1:54.120.

CYCLING (TRACK)

Women's Omnium — Final Ranking — Tara Whitten, Edmonton, finished fourth with (7; 3; 8; 3; 6; 10) 37 points.

DIVING

Men's 3m Springboard — Alexandre Despatie, Laval, Que., finished in 11th with a combined score of 413.35. Francois Imbeau-Dulac, St-Lazare, Que., finished 13th in the semifinal with a combined score of 440.20 and failed to qualify for the final.

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Individual Dressage — Ashley Holzer, Toronto, finished 24th place with a score of 71.

SAILING

Men's Windsurfer — Zac Plavsic, Vancouver, finished eighth (100).

Women's Windsurfer — Nikola Girke, West Vancouver, B.C., finished 10th (109).

Men's 470 — Mike Leigh, Vancouver, and Luke Ramsay, Vancouver, were 25th (179).

SYNCHRONIZED SWIMMING

Duet — Marie-Pier Boudreau Gagnon, Riviere-du-Loup, Que., and Elise Marcotte, Quebec City, finished in fourth with a two-day combined total of 189.20.

TRIATHLON

Men — Kyle Jones, Oakville, Ont., finished 25th with a time of 1:49:58. Brent McMahon, Victoria, finished in 27th with a time of 1:50:03 and Simon Whitfield, Victoria, did not finish the race.

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MEN

SEMIFINALS
Tuesday, Aug. 7
At Wembley, England
Mexico 3, Japan 1
At Manchester, England
Brazil 3, South Korea 0
BRONZE MEDAL MATCH
Friday, Aug. 10
At Cardiff, Wales
Japan vs. South Korea, 2:45 p.m.
GOLD MEDAL MATCH
Saturday, Aug. 11
At Wembley, England
Mexico vs. Brazil, 10 a.m.

BASKETBALL

WOMEN

Tuesday, Aug. 7
Quarterfinals
Australia 75, China 60
United States 91, **Canada 48**
Russia 66, Turkey 63
France vs. Czech Republic
At North Greenwich Arena
Thursday, Aug. 9
Semifinals
Australia vs. United States, Noon
Russia vs. France-Czech Republic winner, 4 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 11
Bronze medal, Noon
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Meet Ford's new Prius fighter

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Spacious

The level of cargo space in the C-MAX is about equal to that of the Toyota Prius v, but offers nearly one-third more room than its chief rival with the rear seat folded flat.

As you would expect from its shape, the interior offers adult-sized head, knee and legroom.

2013 Ford C-MAX

- **Type.** Four-door, front-wheel-drive hatchback hybrid.
- **Engines (hp):** 2.0-litre DOHC four-cylinder and electric motor (188).
- **Mileage:** L/100 km (city/hwy) 4.2/4.6 (base, est.).
- **Base Price (incl. destination):** $27,500 (est.).

Dashboard

What will really impact buyers is the flight-deck-style dashboard and control panel that would look at home in the Starship Enterprise.

The gauge pod boasts a brake coach that helps drivers maximize the regenerative braking system to help keep the lithium-ion batteries topped up.

Powertrain

Driving efficiency is a certainty with the C-MAX and C-MAX Energi plug-in hybrid powertrains, both of which will be available in the 2013 Ford Fusion sedan.

The gasoline component is a 2.0-litre four-cylinder that produces 141 horsepower. It works in tandem with a 106-horsepower (estimated) electric motor.

Ford projects a net system output of 188 horsepower, which is 54 horsepower more than the competing Prius v.

Power is directed to the front wheels by a continuously variable transmission (CVT). Even with the extra power, Ford expects the C-Max to achieve a better fuel economy rating than the Prius v.

Review. A hybrid with economy, power, room and a good starting price? You bet

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When you think "hybrid," images of green fields, fluffy white bunnies and the Toyota Prius likely dance around in your in head. The Prius has spent most of its life in a category of one, but a decade of success has also made it a sitting duck for companies such as Ford.

But is the new 2013 C-MAX wagon a real Prius fighter where it counts, in terms of fuel consumption? Yes, if you compare it to the least thrifty Prius v, that is. Put head-to-head against the Prius v, it has about the same interior room and quite a bit more power.

The C-MAX arrives this fall as Ford's first dedicated hybrid brand, although it's based on the automaker's compact Focus architecture and has the same distance between the front and rear wheels and overall length as that model. But the C-MAX is more than 10 centimetres wider and 15 centimetres taller, making it ideal for hauling people and their gear.

At an anticipated $27,500, including destination charges (which is slightly less than the Prius v's base starting price) the base C-MAX SE comes with dual-zone climate control, 17-inch alloy wheels and seven airbags. The SEL adds leather seats (heated in front), 10-way power driver's seat, rain-sensing wipers and satellite radio. On the option list is a hands-free back-up parking assist and a power liftgate that opens and closes by shaking your foot beneath the bumper.

Hybrids are becoming more opulent. Leather is on the menu.

There should be no shortage of converts to the C-MAX Hybrid's way of life, with its easy-on-the-eyes appearance, practical nature and easy-on-the-wallet fueling intervals.

On the Web

Kathy Ullyott has always loved cars. So when Bridgestone Americas invited her on a two-day learn-to-race course, she jumped on it. Scan this code or visit metronews.ca/drive

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Skip the sliding doors on your used Toyota Sienna minivan

Second Gear. 2004 to 2010 Toyota Sienna

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Toyota's Sienna minivan competed with the Honda Odyssey and Dodge Grand Caravan for the dollars of Canadian families with an eye for reliability and high resale value.

The last full generation of this machine launched for the 2004 model year and carried on until 2010. Feature content included motorized sliding doors, heated leather seating, a sunroof, automatic climate control and plenty more. Basic Sienna models were called CE, while LE and Limited models filled the model range.

Common Issues

Numerous Sienna owners have reported problems with the power sliding doors, so avoid a model equipped with them if possible. These typically don't last the life of the vehicle and will be expensive to repair if or when they fail.

Check the paint for signs of chipping, scratching or rust. Some owners say they expected a tougher finish from their Sienna's paint job. Check the dashboard for signs of cracking as well.

On earlier models with the 3.3-litre engine, be sure to check for signs of oil smoke at startup or after a drive. Check the engine's oil, noting its condition and level. Though rare, some owners have reported oil sludge problems. A model that's had regular, high-quality oil changes is your best defense.

Engine

Look for a 3.3- or 3.5-litre V6 engine with output rated between 215 and 266 horsepower, depending on the year. All Wheel Drive (AWD) was available.

What Owners Like

Space, performance, power output, versatility and quality were typically rated highly by Sienna owners. Ride quality, cargo space and even fuel mileage were also commented upon positively.

What Owners Dislike

A "plasticky" interior, easily-scratched paint, loud engine and plain looks were among the most common complaints of last-generation Sienna owners.

Verdict

A newer, lower-mileage unit without power sliding doors, and with full service records and a clean bill of health from your Toyota mechanic, will be your most worry-free bet in a used Sienna.

Fraudsters yet another reason to keep eyes on road

Insurance fraudsters are watching for opportunities to convert driver distraction into cash. NEWS CANADA

If hefty fines, possible demerit points and the fact you are three times more likely to be involved in a collision if you are texting aren't enough to make you think twice about driving distracted, perhaps this will.

Apparently police are not the only ones watching for you to take your attention away from the road. Insurance fraudsters are known to pounce at the opportunity to convert your lack of attention into their windfall by purposely causing a collision at the exact moment you are distracted.

Here's one example of how this crime is orchestrated: A vehicle loaded with numerous occupants pulls in front of a target vehicle. A passenger in the front vehicle watches behind for the target driver to be distracted. A diversion like answering a phone, texting or reaching back to return a child's toy can provide the opportune moment for the fraudster to slam on the brakes, leaving the target driver little time to react.

In some cases, a second vehicle — part of the fraud — pulls alongside the target vehicle, boxing it in, so there's no room to swerve and avoid rear-ending the lead vehicle when it suddenly stops.

In either scenario, the innocent driver rear-ends the fraudster's vehicle and could end up being seriously hurt. At the very least, the innocent driver will be handed a traffic ticket and deemed at fault, according to the common traffic rules.

Depending on the person's previous driving record, this could mean higher insurance rates when the policy is renewed. Meanwhile, the fraudster and his or her passengers — and there's usually three or four in the vehicle — all claim for unnecessary and expensive health treatments.

According to Ken Lindhardsen, vice-president of claims for Desjardins General Insurance Group, staged collisions are a large component of this type of fraud. Criminals can stage collisions in many different ways and a single event can result in tens and even hundreds of thousands of dollars in fraudulent claims.

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The Elantra GT: Why hatchbacks rule, and small sedans drool

New generation.
Hatchback channels European sensibilities

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2013 Hyundai Elantra GT. MIKE GOETZ/METRO

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Historically North Americans have looked down at the hatchback, with the notion that it's just a low-rent vehicle genre intended solely for downtrodden folk that can't get into a sedan.

Of course that's just stinkin thinkin. Hatchbacks are cool.

In many markets around the world, notably Europe, the hatchback is universally embraced as the best way to configure a smallish-car. Not surprisingly then, when Hyundai wanted to break into Europe big-time back in 2007, it did so with a hatchback — the clever and competent i30 hatchback conceived and engineered at the automaker's newly opened tech centre in Germany.

A version of that generation i30 made its way to North America as the station wagon known as Elantra Touring, selling alongside the fourth-generation Elantra sedan, which was, and is, built on a different and more North American-centric platform.

A new-generation i30 has just been introduced to Korea and Europe. This time around Hyundai decided to give us an i30-based hatchback instead of a station wagon.

Michael Ricciuto is Hyundai Canada's main product planner. At a recent event designed to show off the GT, he told us the vehicle is definitely Euro-centric. "What you see here is very much a design for the European market."

About the only major difference between European and Canadian versions is the rear suspension. The i30's multi-link rear suspension has been swapped for a more conventional torsion beam system. Ricciuto said this was done to keep the GT's cost and weight down, and provide the GT with a slightly more comfortable ride.

The i30's sporty steering feel was retained by giving GT drivers a Driver Selectable Steering Mode (DSSM) system, which allows drivers to switch to comfort, normal or sport "steering input" modes. In the past Hyundai tailored the input for each region, but from now on, it's just going to give us this selectable system. I don't know anybody that wouldn't leave it on "sport," which adds to the GT's already great road manners. It's definitely a cut above the Elantra sedan and coupe in terms of road handling and fun.

The GT has the same powertrain as all Elantras, namely the 148-hp, 1.8-litre formatted to either a 6-speed manual or 6-speed automatic. So like its siblings, the GT offers a great balance between engine power and fuel efficiency. Our automatic test vehicle is rated at an excellent 7.3 L/100 km (city) and 5.0 L/100 km (highway).

Another class topper is interior and cargo space. In the rear, I found knee room to spare, and could comfortably slide my feet under the front seats. The rear seats also offer lots of thigh support.

The rear seatbacks fold forward flat, but only if you first flip the seat cushions forward. Do that and you open up more than 1,440 litres of available cargo space, which betters classmates like Mazda3, Ford Focus, Toyota Matrix and VW Golf. Only the Subura Impreza has more (1,485 litres).

So to recap: Enjoyable European handling sensibilities, stellar fuel efficiency, voluminous interior.

Speed-freaks, get ready to rev your engine

Twist the key in the 2013 Ford Shelby GT500's ignition, and it burbles startlingly to life after that extra second of cranking that says something angry is about to wake up.

It announces itself with a drawn-out snort accented by popping and crackling as spent fuel fills its big-bore exhaust and fist-sized tailpipes.

The sound invites enthusiasts to smile, laugh gutturally and mutter expletives under their breath. Some even throw their arms into the air and toss their heads back, staggering a moment, as if they'd just been blessed by the gods of horsepower, testosterone and tire-vaporizing awesomeness.

It's largely what you'd expect from the most powerful production V8 on the road. Ford's new 5.8-litre unit has an Eaton supercharger the size of a Civic's engine jammed between a set of cylinder heads as wide as Brock Lesnar.

Output levels smash any number of exotics costing three or four times as much. There's no more powerful production V8 on the road. It's 662 horsepower, if you're wondering.

Putting these to work is an experience unparalleled in its ability to put drivers into a world of fearsome, nearly-terrifying acceleration and noise.

Easing off of the sensitive, grabby clutch with just a few revs on the tachometer causes the GT500 to leap ahead as if its leash were being held too tightly. Even a slight reduction in clutch-pedal pressure transmits enough torque rearwards to scrub the tires.

Stand on the right-most pedal, and the nose lifts sharply as the rear-end squats and squirms about for traction. The acceleration squeezes the air from your lungs right away, and the rocket-booster levels of thrust could make your favourite church-going aunt drop an f-bomb before the supercharger even gets into its game.

All the while, the rumbling exhaust sounds flood and saturate the cabin thickly, overlapped by a sharp "zing" from the twin-screw blower as it comes into play about halfway to the 7,000 RPM redline.

The Ford Shelby GT500. JUSTIN PRITCHARD/METRO

There's no lag. No waiting for a turbo to kick in. No anticipation of a trick variable valve timing system to ramp up engine power. Hammer down, and the GT500 simply blasts toward the horizon, steadily and linearly, immediately sucking occupants into their seats. It's as if the gas pedal is attached to one end of a pulley system that connects the Shelby with the horizon ahead.

So, it's fast as all bloody hell. And much of the experience is wasted on roads with speed limits. You'll wish the 360 km/h speedometer and tachometer had demerit points and dollar signs, instead of velocities and revs.

Ford's new 5.8-litre unit. JUSTIN PRITCHARD/METRO

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Shea Holbrook's got the need for speed

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Racecar driver Shea Holbrook didn't grow up in a household locked into any type of car culture orbit. And not until five years or so ago did she even pine for any of the pavement pursuits.

Until then, her prime passion was being dragged around a lake by a boat, an activity sometimes called "competitive water skiing."

So what happened? Why did she trade her skis for a helmet and a fire-retardant racing suit?

Why is there currently a race-prepped 2012 Honda Civic Si HFP with her name on it, and currently sitting in third place in her class (Touring Car) on the SCAA World Challenge Pro Racing circuit?

When she was 16, Holbrook and her father decided to take in the Richard Petty Experience, where NASCAR fans get behind the wheel of a race car for a day. After that she switched gears, so to speak.

"I'm a huge adrenaline junkie," says Holbrook, adding that car racing gives her what she needs, and is unlike anything else out there when it comes to adrenaline production.

"When I put my racing suit on, I have to calm myself down. It's all about the thrill."

We're chatting under a temporary tent at the Niagara Drive Centre, which is more or less the back runways of the Niagara International Airport.

Holbrook is here to take journalists out for a ride in her race-prepped Civic, as part of a press event for the new Civic Si HFP. The Florida native's race car is campaigned by Toronto-based Compass 360Racing.

It's easy to see why Honda Canada, SCCA racing, her team and her sponsors are eager for her to meet the media. She's a well-spoken, engaging ambassador for her racing partners, for racing in general, and for her gender.

Competitive race car driver Shea Holbrook is ranked third in her class. MIKE GOETZ/METRO

She knows she's getting attention for being a young female in a male-dominated sport, but she also completely understands that attention and/or gender won't make her car go any faster.

"The cool thing about car racing is that the car doesn't know the gender of the driver, or how tall or how short they are," she said.

"It's one of the few sports where women and men can go head to head. It comes down to who is smarter, who is more talented, who has the experience, who is more determined, who is one with the race car."

And she's more than willing to pay her dues.

"I like the fight. A lot of people say (female drivers) have to overcome all these obstacles and struggles. I don't like it when people say they're in a struggle. If it's your passion you don't really look at it like a struggle. Everyone has obstacles to overcome, to get to where you want to be."

She says that success in motorsports is particularly hard to come by, so a little extra obstacle to overcome here and there along your career might actually be useful — to harden and sharpen the resolve.

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Cars are more complex than they've ever been, especially when they need repair. That can be a concern, especially for older drivers who may worry about overcharging or unnecessary repairs.

Finding and sticking with a good shop is your best defense, says Pam Oakes, an auto technician and owner of Pam's Motor City Automotive in Fort Myers, Fla. "Use word of mouth," she says. "Ask your friends, ask your coworkers, ask your family where they go."

When you first visit a shop, especially if it hasn't been recommended by someone you know, start small. "Get your oil changed and see how they handle that," says Oakes.

"See if they give you a 'grocery list' of problems, and if they do, get a second opinion at another shop. When you're walking in the door, see if it's clean or not, and how the staff are behind the desk. Look at the customers, if they're agitated or fidgeting, or if they're just quietly enjoying a cup of coffee. They should look relaxed, not stressed."

The shop should be able to tell you why something needs to be done, and then should explain it to you. "We do 'show-and-tell' all the time," says Oakes. "If you need brakes, we'll show you what the brake pads look like and how it will affect the vehicle if you do the work or not." Once you've found a shop, you should further get to know the person who's working on your car, Oakes says.

What to do

- If your car makes a strange sound or does something odd, describe it to the shop. Don't try to diagnose the problem yourself.
- Beware of shops advertising very low prices. There may be extra fees or labour charges buried in the fine print.
- Ask to go on the road test with the technician so you can point out the sound or problem that you're experiencing.

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Over the years, Porsche has undertaken a strategy to put its cars in the hands of more people — and not just the usual Porsche drivers. Spending $100,000 or more on a limited-purpose three-season sports car is one thing when you're single, but what happens when you eventually settle down with a family?

Well, actually, you don't settle down, you just bring them along for the ride in something like this Porsche Panamera Turbo S.

While this is the best car in the Panamera line at about $200,00, the base four-passenger model sells for about $87,500, which is actually about $6,000 less than a two-passenger Porsche 911.

That's still pretty far out in left field when compared to a Grand Caravan, but the Panamera Turbo S is quite possibly the perfect family car.

With a 550-horsepower twin-turbocharged 4.8-litre V8, big wheels and a paddle-shift seven-speed manual transmission with automatic mode, it's certainly a far more exciting way to gobble up steamy asphalt.

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♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
You must put a fight behind you and join forces with someone whose help you are going to need in the weeks to come. If you have to meet certain challenges alone, you might not succeed.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
You may think you can get away with anything, but that is not an excuse to do as you please at other people's expense. Think ahead to how your actions might affect your long-term reputation.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
The more of an effort you make now, the more opportunities will come your way in the near future. With Mercury, your ruler, moving in your favour again, now is the time to make plans. The bigger the plans, the better.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Today's cosmic picture makes it easy for you to make new alliances. You may think you don't need other people but you do, more than you realize. Besides, there is a joy to working with others that solitary effort can't match.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
You seem to have gotten your mind stuck in a groove and are finding it hard to move on. What you most need now is a change of attitude. Look at your life from a wider perspective.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Everyone is singing your praises at the moment but you don't seem to have much confidence in yourself. However, now that your ruling planet Mercury is moving direct again you will soon rediscover your self-belief.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You may not want to say what you have to say but you must say it anyway. Does that make sense? Okay, put it this way: if you don't speak truth to power you'll be the one who loses money. Got it?

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
An old idea will get you thinking along new and profitable lines over the next 24 hours. It may be an idea that has been used many times before but your twist on it could make you a million!

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Stop feeling sorry for yourself and start thinking about how you can make the best of the opportunities you've been given. They are all around you if you take the trouble to look. Life is full of possibilities.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Make sure that you are the one who profits from your ideas. Mercury, planet of the mind, will give you plenty of insights but it is what you do with them that matters. Action is essential.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
If you are having second thoughts about an agreement of some kind, you can probably get out of it today. There will be a price to be paid, of course, but it will be worth it. Reclaim your freedom.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
The whole world seems to be singing your praises and it's quite right that you feel proud about what you have achieved. But don't lose sight of the fact that it's only a beginning. Everything is up for grabs. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Crossword: TV Star, Water, Royalty, and a PM

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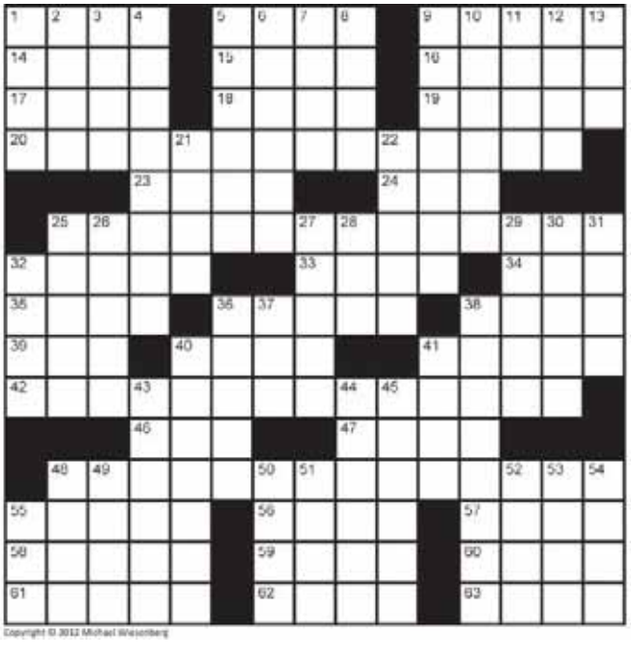

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Across
1. ___ to riches
5. One of many on a computer desktop
9. Crop associated with Saskatchewan
14. "What are you, some kind of ___?" (2 wds)
15. Fashioned
16. Our world
17. Break suddenly
18. Great Lake
19. Actress Dickinson (*Police Woman, Rio Bravo, Ocean's 11, Dressed to Kill*)
20. BC-born *Baywatch* babe (2 wds)
23. Backpacker's shelter
24. Fib
25. Second-largest body of water in NT, and deepest in North America (3 wds)
32. Male swine
33. Wallet fillers
34. Confound
35. Murders
36. "___ all, folks!": cartoon signoff
38. ___ et Chandon champagne
39. Bumpkin
40. Born and ___
41. Grassy yards
42. Queen Victoria's fourth daughter, after whom three places were named, a lake, a village, and the province itself (2 wds)
46. Golfer Ernie called "The Big Easy"
47. Persia, now
48. 12th PM, 1948-1957 (3 wds)
55. 9:50, say (2 wds)
56. Cold-weather wear
57. Margarine
58. One ___ chance: odds are 9:1 against (2 wds)
59. Formerly
60. Got off
61. British Isles wastelands
62. ___ *of the D'Urbervilles*: 1891 Thomas Hardy novel upon which was based 1979 Roman Polanski film whose title was simply the girl's name
63. Broad lowland

Down
1. Frog-in-the-throat sound
2. Canadian-born actress Paquin
3. American territory in the Pacific
4. Vatican City basilica (2 wds)
5. "That's not what ___": "I may have misspoken" (2 wds)
6. Diamond weights
7. Thor's dad
8. Require
9. Becomes fatigued
10. —— and Gretel
11. Therefore
12. Has ___ ear: is tone-deaf (2 wds)
13. Kermit ___ Frog
21. Meadows
22. Santa's helpers
25. Really succeed (2 wds)
26. One-named Egyptian-born Canadian singer-songwriter of children's music
27. Cargo quantities
28. Picnic pest
29. Swears
30. Nancy Drew creator Carolyn
31. Many business phone nos.
32. Betty of old cartoons
36. Hair amount
37. "___ a real nowhere man": Beatles lyric (2 wds)
38. Much-traveled thoroughfare (2 wds)
40. Vancouver CFL team (2 wds)
41. Hawaiian feast
43. Grammar gender
44. Shrubs with lavender blooms
45. Speechifies
48. Late-night TV host Jay
49. "Hold ___ your hat!"
50. Stevenson or Burns
51. Vocal sound
52. Jazz singer Fitzgerald
53. Winnipeg-born Young called "Godfather of Grunge"
54. Lug
55. ___ Horton's

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			3	9			4	
	6		1					7
	9	1		8				
4			5		6			8
				7		3	5	
3					4		2	
	8			3	9			
	7		2					6

Yesterday's Sudoku

6	8	5	7	3	4	2	9	1
7	1	2	5	9	6	8	4	3
3	4	9	8	1	2	5	7	6
5	6	3	4	2	8	9	1	7
8	2	1	6	7	9	3	5	4
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Representative financing example based on 2013 Rio5 LX MT (R05530) with a selling price of $15,684 (includes delivery and destination fees of $1,455, other fees of $34, OMVIC fee, environmental fee and A/C tax ($100, where applicable)) financed at 0% APR for 36 months. Bi-weekly payments equal $201 with a down payment/equivalent trade of $0. Cost of borrowing is $0 for a total obligation of $15,684. License, insurance, applicable taxes, variable dealer administration fees (up to $699), PPSA, and registration fees are extra. Retailer may sell or lease. See dealer for full details. ≠Bi-weekly finance payment for 2013 Sorento LX AT (SR75BD)/2013 Sorento 3.5 LX V6 (SR75ED) based on a selling price of $26,679/$31,279/$34,179 with an APR of 0%/1.49% for 60 months, amortized over an 84-month period. Estimated remaining principal balance of $8,051/$8,887 plus applicable taxes due at end of 60-month period. Offer includes a loan savings of $500. Delivery and destination fees of $1,630, other fees of $34, OMVIC fee, environmental fee and A/C tax ($100, where applicable) are included. License, insurance, applicable taxes, PPSA, admin fee (up to $699), and registration fees are extra. See dealer for full details. §Lease offer available on approved credit (OAC) on 2013 Rio5 LX MT (R05530)/2013 Optima LX MT (OP54B) is based on monthly payments of $189/$241 (includes delivery and destination fees of $1,455, other fees of $34, OMVIC fee, environmental fee, A/C tax ($100, where applicable), $350 lease service fee and a lease savings (lease credit) of $500/$0) for 48 months at 0.9% with a $0/$2,399 down payment/equivalent trade, PPSA, security deposit and first monthly payment due at lease inception. Total lease obligation is $9,049/$13,956 with the option to purchase at the end of the term for $6,500/$10,770. Lease has 16,000 km/year allowance (other packages available and $0.12/km for excess kilometres). Other taxes, registration, insurance, licensing and variable dealer administration fees (up to $699) are excluded. ›Loan savings for 2013 Sorento LX AT (SR75BD)/2013 Sorento 3.5 LX V6 (SR75ED) is $500 and is available on purchase financing only on approved credit (OAC). Loan savings vary by model and trim and are deducted from the negotiated selling price before taxes. Some conditions apply. ¥3 Payments On Us offer is available on approved credit to eligible retail customers who finance or lease a new 2012/2013 Rio-4 Sedan/Rio5/Forte/Forte Koup/Forte5/Sorento from a participating dealer between August 1 – August 31, 2012. Eligible lease and purchase finance (excluding FlexChoice) customers will receive a cheque in the amount of three payments (excluding taxes) to a maximum of $300/$300/$350/$350/$550/$550/month. Lease and finance purchases are subject to approved credit. Customers will be given a choice between up to $900/$900/$1,050/$1,050/$1,650 reductions from the selling/leasing price after taxes or dealer can issue a cheque to the customer. Some conditions apply. See your dealer for complete details. ^ECO-Credit for 2013 Optima Hybrid is $1,000 and is applicable to the purchase or lease of a new 2013 Kia Optima Hybrid. Available at participating dealers. Certain restrictions apply. See dealer for details. △Model shown Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price for 2013 Sorento 3.5 LX AWD (SR75KD)/2013 Rio5 SX with Navigation AT (RO75PD)/2013 Optima SX Turbo (OP74BD) is $43,045/$23,750/$35,550 and includes delivery and destination fees of $1,630/$1,455/$1,455, other fees of $34, OMVIC fee, environmental fee and A/C tax ($100, where applicable). License, insurance, applicable taxes, variable dealer administration fees (up to $699), PPSA and registration fees are extra. Retailer may sell or lease. See dealer for full details. Available at participating dealers. *Highway/city fuel consumption of these vehicles may vary. These estimates are based on Transport Canada's approved criteria and testing methods. Refer to the Government of Canada's *EnerGuide for Consumption Guide*. Your actual fuel consumption will vary. Some conditions apply to the $500 Grad Rebate Program. See dealer for details. Information in this advertisement is believed to be accurate at the time of print. For more information or our 5-year warranty coverage, visit kia.ca or call us at 1-877-542-2886. KIA is a trademark of KIA Motors Corporation.